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DEATHS.

ROBIN—Joseph Robin, aged 57 years, died yesterday at his home in Billerica.

MURPHY—Edward S. Murphy, died at 12.15 this morning at his home, 85 Sherman street. Deceased was a brother of Rev. David J. Murphy of Salem, James Murphy, leader of the Lowell Military band, Miss Alice Murphy the milliner, and Miss Nellie Murphy school teacher. The funeral will take place at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning from the Immaculate Conception church. Friends are requested not to send flowers.

FUNERAL SERVICES.

CARON—The funeral of Alexis Caron took place yesterday from St. Joseph's church. Rev. Fr. Fournier, O. M. I., conducted service.

The bearers were Messrs. Joseph Gagnon, Albert Caron, Philias Fournier and J. B. Gendron. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery.

CUT WITH AN AXE.

Dangerous Accident to a Man While Chopping Wood.

Jeremiah Tessier, who resides at the rear of 591 Market street, met with a peculiar and painful accident this morning.

He was engaged in chopping wood and raised the axe to split a block. The axe struck a clothes line and bounded back, striking him full in the face. A gash extending from the left eye to the lip was caused.

Dr. Ricker sewed up the wound.

Surprisingly Wonderful

Are the crowds that have been visiting the office of the Mexican Medicine Company 32 Central street thus far this week. The crowds up to last night were far in excess of last week—the largest week in the company's history in Lowell. The one dollar bottles of Zyno are still being sold for 25 cents and samples given free.

Revenue Receipts For January.

Portsmouth, N. H., Feb. 6.—The internal revenue receipts for the district comprising the states of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont for the month of January, as given by Collector Page, amount to $19,025.96, a falling off of $10,441.25 from the corresponding month of last year.

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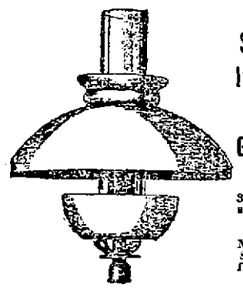

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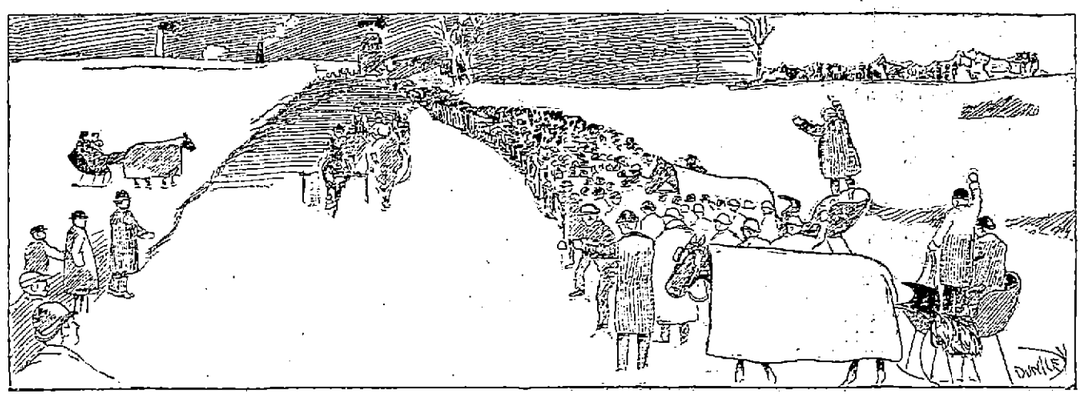


LOWELL'S SPEEDWAY.

A SCENE LOOKING NORTH—SKETCHED BY THE SUN ARTIST.

ON THE ICE TRACK

Great Gathering of Lowell Horsemen Yesterday.

MONKEY ROLLA WINS WILLIE ROBBS SECOND.

Over 3000 People Enjoyed the Sport.

Monkey Rolla is the king of the ice, as he proved yesterday in the great race for 50 bushels of oats, held under the auspices of "Doc" Evans.

Willie Robbs is a faster horse than Monkey, and there are others just as fast, but not on the ice, for Monkey Rolla is strong on ice tracks and can get away from them all.

A larger crowd than that which witnessed the race was never seen at the river in winter before.

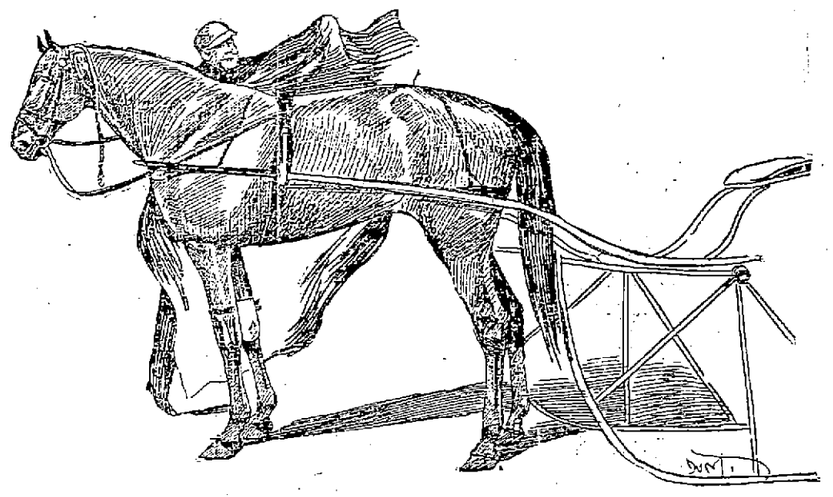
The boulevard from end to end was crowded with turn-outs of all descriptions. A couple of thousand spectators on foot or on skates lined the track.

There were more horse yarns discussed there in five minutes than would fill a book and the principal horse for discussion among the local animals was Ike Walton's beauty, "Willie Robbs," though many noticed that Tom Lennon was driving a new horse, and Frank Harris a strange gelding.

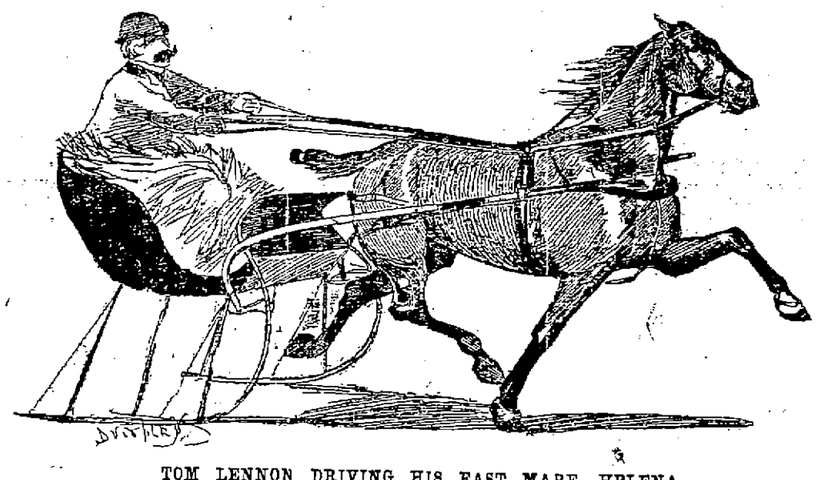
The race down on the program was for 50 bushels of oats to be decided, best two heats in three. When the word was given the quartet started away in a bunch and kept together. Monkey Rolla pulled slightly ahead toward the finish while Doc. Evans who was driving Willie Robbs could only get to his sulky runner. Stowaway came in third while Waterwitch broke and came in last.

In the second heat Monkey got first place at the start, and held it, while Waterwitch went along right after him, with Willie third and Stowaway last. The summaries:

Monkey Rolla (Bingham), 1 1.
Willie Robbs (Walton), 2 3.
Waterwitch (Wilson), 4 2.
Stowaway (Johnson), 3 4.
Starter: Dr. McCaun.
Judges: Henry Clapp, George F. Tryder, Hon. C. D. Palmer.
Patrol Judge: Charles H. Talbot.



MONKEY ROLLA, 2.15 1-2, THE WINNER.



TOM LENNON DRIVING HIS FAST MARE, HELENA.

Harvard-Yale Debate.

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 6.—The question for the Harvard-Yale debate has finally been selected by the committee on intercollegiate debating. It is as follows: "Resolved, That the United States should adopt definitely the single gold standard, and should decline to enter a bimetallic league, even if Great Britain, France and Germany should be willing to enter such a league." Yale will have the choice of side, and will make her decision within two weeks. The first trial debate to select the Harvard speakers will be held on Feb. 19.

O'Neil's Hearing.

Greenfield, Mass., Feb. 6.—The evidence put in by the state in the hearing yesterday against John O'Neil, Jr., who is charged with killing Mrs. Hattie E. McCloud, did but little to solve the greatest mystery western Massachusetts has known for many years. It showed that in some peculiar manner the accused became possessed of a sum of money varying from $15 to $17, but it was not indicated that that money came from Mrs. Hattie McCloud, or that it was ever in her possession.

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to have your table fare wholesome and delicious as well as economical;—in other words, to use

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AWFUL MASSACRE

Of Christians in the Island of Crete.

MUSSELMEN SET FIRE TO THE WHOLE TOWN.

Greece Sends Warships to Quell the Outbreak.

Athens, Feb. 6.—Three-fourths of the Christian quarters in the city of Canea have been burned to the ground, according to late advices received from the Island of Crete. The Christians, while trying to escape to the warships, were attacked by the Mussulman population, and many were killed and injured. The total number of victims, as a result of the recent fighting, is estimated at 300.

It is reported that a large number of women and children have already been landed on the island of Milo by an Italian cruiser. The men, in most instances, remained at Crete. They barricaded their houses and made other preparations for the approaching struggle.

Advices received from Crete are to the effect that the trouble at Canea originated in the unfounded report that the Mussulmans had killed 27 Christian sentinels at Akrostri. When this report was received, the vali ordered the troops to proceed to the defense of the Christian villages. The troops were attacked, and it is reported that 20 persons were killed. Several villages were destroyed by fire. Canea itself is in a state of complete revolt. The Mussulmans, it is claimed, instituted the attacks upon the Christians and commenced the discharge of firearms. A considerable number of persons perished in the conflict. Finally, it was observed, the soldiers themselves fired from the ramparts on the heads of the Christians. The Mussulmans set fire to the quarters occupied by the Christians, and the flames were visible from the warships of the powers anchored in the harbor. The flames appeared to be spreading in the direction of the palace of the archbishop and the Greek schools. The commanders of the Italian and French gunboats attempted to stop the fighting and landed small detachments of soldiers for the purpose of protecting the telegraph offices. The Christians at Halepa sought the refuge at the offices of the foreign consuls, and on board the gunboats.

Chief Moore Has the Grippe.

Milwaukee, Feb. 6.—William L. Moore, chief of the weather bureau, will shortly return to Milwaukee for an indefinite period, on account of impaired health. He has recently suffered a somewhat severe attack of the grippe, from which he finds recovery extremely slow. It is stated that his physician and friends have recommmended a change of climate for a time.

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Ladies' 10-button Arctic Gaiters, $2.00. Fresh perfect goods; Child's, $1.25.
Ladies' Alaskas, black fleece lined, 50c. Misses Rubbers, spring heel, 17c. Misses' Arctics, spring heel, 75c.
Ladies', Misses' and Children's Rubber Boots at wholesale prices.

WE MENTION ESPECIALLY

Men's "Storm Alaskas," self acting, $1.25. Superb Overshoe, black fleece lined.
Men's 3-buckle Emperor Arctics, $2.00.
Men's Rubber Boots at Wholesale prices.

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Opposite City Hall.

VOICE OF LABOR

On the Operation of the Textile School.

THE OPINION OF PROMINENT LABOR LEADERS.

Favors Co-operation With the New Institution.

The new textile school is rapidly growing into popular favor and very soon the time can be foreseen when it will outgrow its present quarters in the Parker block.

But the projectors of the school are shrewd men and already it is said preliminary arrangements are under way for the erection of a new school building when needed and the site already selected.

At present it has been necessary to engage extra assistance owing to the large number of applicants at the opening. There are now 15 day pupils 10 of whom are from this city one being the son of a mill agent and the others from Fall River, Boston, New Bedford and Waltham. There were but few female applicants, the fair sex evidently preferring to wait until the school has run along successfully for some time.

The day classes, however, will not compare with those of the evening when the latter get in operation nor are they as important for upon the success of the evening classes depends principally the success of the school. The main purpose of the school ostensibly is to educate the children of mill operatives and unless a large number such classes are benefited the work of the school will have gone for naught.

Professor Brooks, the superintendent of the textile school estimates that the evening classes will be many times larger than those of the day.

An examination of applicants for the evening classes was held recently and it was taken by 125 people about 100 of whom were operatives, back boys, spinners, weavers, second hands, etc. There was one mill superintendent among them. The questions put to them were such that nearly everyone who took the examination passed successfully. A High school teacher assisted at it. The evening classes will open on the 15th and the cotton spinning class will be the largest. Then many others have signified their intention of entering later being loath to be the first to try the school.

Mr. Alden Taplin of Lawrence has been appointed to the position of power loom instructor. Mr. Taplin is a loom fixer both in theory and practice, and is the inventor of several improved weaving machines.

With all connected with the school the unanimous opinion is that the Lowell Textile school is bound to be a grand success.

With the public, however, opinions differ, and there are many employed as bosses in some of the mills who if they cared to express their opinions in print would be found among those who believe that the Textile school will be of no great assistance to the working man or his son.

For instance an overseer stated not long ago that he couldn't see what benefit the textile school would be to a poor boy for, he said, it mattered not how good a textile education a poor boy had he could not get a good job, if any friend of the powers that be should come along and ask for it.

The impression, it is said, is prevalent among the operatives themselves.

Pres. Buckley.

A Sun reporter interviewed President Wm. Buckley of the Central Labor Union on his attitude to the Textile school.

Mr. Buckley is one of the foremost labor men in town and is not only a thinker but

WILLIAM A. BUCKLEY,
President, Central Labor Union.

a forcible talker. He is, moreover, a man whose remarks generally command attention from all.

He said: "When the subject of the establishment of a Textile school was first broached it was taken in charge exclusively by mill agents, who after discussing the feasibility of starting such a school in Lowell, formed a corporation among themselves, admitting, perhaps as a matter of courtesy, the secretary of the board of trade and one business man as trustees. In their discussions prior to the incorporation of the trustees, they sought no opinions from men who do the real mechanical labor—the operatives. And when, too, the trustees were named, there was no representative of the laboring classes among them.

There was but one conclusion and it was accepted as a reasonable one by all laboring men and that was, that the textile school was being organized for the benefit of the sons and daughters of mill magnates, mill bosses, stockholders and the like. Now, the experience of years has taught the laboring man that the mill magnate has nothing in common with him and that what is for the mill magnate is not for the mill operative, and hence when at a meeting of the Central Labor union some time ago, the subject was introduced by a member for discussion, it hadn't a real friend in the organization. I took the floor and argued against it on the ground that it would work to the disadvantage of the workingman's son. But then we were willing to see it in operation before condemning it entirely and if it accomplishes what the projectors propose namely, to benefit our young men, every laboring man in town will be heartily in favor of it. Since I have learned that a large number of operatives are to enter the evening class, I have changed my opinion of it and am now strongly in favor of the textile school."

Louis W. Weeks.

Louis W. Weeks, president of the Cigarmakers' union, ex-president of the Central Labor union, and district organizer of the American Federation of Labor, when asked what he thought of the Textile school, said:

"I believe in the intention of the school, but not in its practise so far as I have observed it. The construction of the laws governing it, the action of those in charge of it and in fact everything connected with it up to date tends to make laboring men oppose it, proves by the manner in which it is progressing that it is not for the working man. Of course there will be some poor people fortunate enough to gain admittance to the school; but I believe the Lowell Textile school is similiar to the West Point academy, in

MICHAEL DUGAN,
President of the International Cotton Spinners' Union.

that it takes money, position and pull to get any benefit out of it. Is there a man in touch with the laboring classes on its board of trustees? Was there such a man at its opening exercises as a guest? Why, they even neglected to invite the city council of Lowell which appropriated $25,000 toward the school to the opening exercises. Those in charge of the school did not want plain city councilmen as guests at their opening. They preferred moneyed men, men with influence, mill owners. Nothing that has been done by the textile school or its projectors up to date would tend to prove that the school is established in the interest and for the benefit of the workingman. Of course we could hardly expect to have it exclusively for ourselves but if the mill operatives be allowed to share in its advantages on an equality with the sons and daughters of the projectors, then we shall be well satisfied and we shall be only too glad to join the mill owners in working for our common benefit and for the advancement of the textile art in New England.

Michael Dugan.

Michael Dugan, president of the International Cotton Spinners' union, said: "I have read in the Sun where one of the promoters of this school stated that this was the first case in which the owners of the mills were to be benefited by first benefiting the operatives. Now if that be the real intent of the school, I am willing that the institution shall have every opportunity to accomplish its work. We are told that it will benefit us. Why should we not co-operate with the school until we find out something to prove the contrary. I therefore advise all operatives to avail themselves so far as possible of all the advantages of the school. Let every young man and woman ambitious to rise, enter the school and see whether they can climb the ladder that leads to success. If the school carries out what the trustees have claimed it will, it will have the support of all the labor unions and will do more than anything else to unite employer and employe, mill owner and operative for their common interest."

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African Missionary Dead.

Philadelphia, Feb. 6.—Information has been received at the office of the Philadelphia Missionary council of the death of Rev. P. C. Scott of Brooklyn, founder and director of the African Inland mission, at Nzawi, in British East Africa, on Dec. 4 last. He was 23 years old. The cause of Mr. Scott's death is not known.

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It seems that all superintendents or heads of departments to be appointed or elected after the 15th inst. must have passed a civil service examination.

Cubans have been offered home rule, but it is probably not such as they will accept. The ruling would be done chiefly by Spanish officials under the scheme proposed.

Mark Hanna seems at present to be a white elephant on the hands of McKinley. Some time ago Mr. McKinley was a mere puppet in the hands of Mark Hanna. We notice, too, that a couple of places in the cabinet are held open pending the disposal of Mr. Hanna to his own satisfaction. It would not surprise anybody if Hanna would be the next postmaster general.

The health authorities of New York have determined to prevent consumptives from spitting in public places. In order to do this they must first identify the consumptives, and then have witnesses to prove by whom the law against expectorating in public has been violated. A similar law prevails in Chicago, and both are supposed to be in the interests of the public health, although they are practically impossible of enforcement.

TENEMENT SANITATION.

The house to house inspection by the health department cannot fail to result eventually in the improvement of the more squalid tenements of our city. At present the conditions of the worst tenements are not nearly so bad as a few years ago, and it is plain that the improvement is bound to be continuous if the present crusade against unsanitary dwellings be kept up. The rear tenements especially are found in need of improvement.

But Lowell is not nearly so bad in this respect as some other cities, notably Boston and New York.

So far as unsanitary dwellings and environment contribute to disease, the board of health has a right to insist on improvements in the interests not only of the inmates but of the general public.

There is a point beyond which the state or municipality may not properly go in the control of actions of minors, but the enforcement of education and decent surroundings would not be in excess of proper authority.

Manufacturers who encourage sweat shops, landlords who plan to receive vast returns from squalid quarters and others not of the tenant class are responsible. They are wealthy and therefore accounted respectable, but they are enemies to society, to civilization and to free government. Commercial practices that foster such conditions are at fault and deserve only condemnation. The forcing down of wages and the forcing up of rents until some who have better inclinations are forced into filth and compelled to associate with those who choose such life of their own will is intolerable. The pursuit of the dollar by those already wealthy is to blame for many wrongs, and of these the tenement house curse is one of the greatest.

GEN. AMES AND GEN. CURTIS.

That was a very exciting episode in which General Curtis arose at a New York dinner to upbraid General Ames his military superior in an attack upon Fort Fisher. General Curtis was a brigadier under Ames, and military men who were present at the battle have never undertaken to claim any great credit for General Curtis on account of his bravery on that occasion. True, he was wounded early in the battle, and taken to the rear, so that he could not very well give an account of what followed during the remainder of the engagement. It is stated on good authority that were the truth told of General Curtis in that battle it would be even more discreditable to him than anything Gen. Ames has said of him. Gen. Ames was in immediate command of the second attack upon Fort Fisher, although Gen. Terry, who had general command, has usually received the credit of taking the stronghold. It is not an uncommon occurrence in military operations for the general in command to be credited with the result of heroism on the part of his subordinates. So it was in the case of Fort Fisher. The credit of subduing that stronghold belongs almost entirely to General Ames, and General Curtis has no ground upon which to claim any part of the honor beyond what belongs to a faltering brigadier.

General Ames read his paper in this city some months ago, and read it in Boston before a large military assembly, and he read it in New York, and no man thought proper to criticise his statements except General Curtis. The name and fame of General Ames place him so far above General Curtis that the former's statements will not be shaken in the least by anything the latter may say. The history of the capture of Fort Fisher has never been justly written, and even in some of our school books it is attributed to General Terry alone, without any mention of General Ames. The New York incident will only serve to bring out the facts, and to add to the lustre of General Ames' military record. General Curtis is to give his version of the battle, but a subordinate, who was not present, cannot very well describe the engagement.

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A TRADE REVIEW

What Bradstreets Says of the Outlook.

CONDITIONS UNCHANGED WITH FLUCTUATING PRICES.

Duns Opinion Hopeful of Improvement.

New York, Feb. 6.—Bradstreet's says: General trade, which was retarded by unfavorable weather a week ago, has recovered somewhat at Chattanooga, Memphis, Birmingham and New Orleans. While the cold weather cut into stocks of heavy goods, it delayed the sale of spring goods. Other relatively favorable trade reports are from St. Paul, Chicago, Minneapolis and St. Louis. At most centers jobbers report business quiet or unchanged, with no prospect for immediate improvement.

The restriction of the production of cotton goods has not strengthened the market or advanced prices yet. The heavy increase in sales of wool, 40,000,000 pounds at Boston alone since Jan. 1, against 24,000,000 pounds last year, is based largely on the expectation of a higher duty on wool. More woolen mills have started up and those which have hit the popular taste in style and fabric are full of present business.

The downward tendency of prices of staples noted during the past two or three weeks is checked in part, there being almost an equal number of the products and commodities usually quoted which are higher or lower or unchanged compared with last week. Among those which have advanced are Havana tobacco, wheat, corn and oats, paper and refined and crude petroleum. Those which are lower include rosin, hides, wheat, flour, pork, lard, coffee and raw sugar. Practically unchanged quotations are recorded for refined sugar, rice, tea, lumber, wool, cotton and print cloths.

January bank clearings aggregate $4,473,529,826, a decrease of 2½ per cent from 1896 and of 4½ per cent from the total for December 1896, but a gain of 2.2 per cent and 10.6 per cent respectively over January 1895 and 1894. New England cities show the only gain among the groups—7 per cent.

The check to the number of business failures reported last week appears again in the total for the current week, 305 throughout the United States as compared with 326 last week, 338 in the first week of February, 1896,293 in the like week of 1895, 336 in the corresponding period in 1894 and as contrasted with 223 in the first week in February, 1893, three months before the panic.

The wheat movement, United States and Canada, for seven months, shows a net increase of the quantity available of only 7,812,000 bushels, compared with increases in corresponding periods in four previous years of 46,000,000, 60,000,000, 34,000,000 and 78,000,000 bushels, respectively. Wheat stocks in the United States and Canada and afloat for and in Europe, plus Australian and interior Russian supplies, amounted on Jan. 1, to 152,189,000 bushels, nearly 32,000,000 bushels less than on Jan. 1, 1896. During the years 1890 to 1895, inclusive, the world's average January decrease, in available wheat supplies, was about 5,000,000 bushels. Compared with wheat January decline in 1896 of 9,000,000 bushels and that of last month of 10,504,000 bushels, have some significance.

Exports of wheat (flour included as wheat) from both coasts of the United States and from St. John, N. B., this week, amount to 3,168,746 bushels, compared with 2,515,000 bushels last week, 2,907,000 bushels in the week a year ago, 2,020,000 bushels in the week two years ago, 2,678,000 bushels three years ago and as contrasted with 3,941,000 bushels in the like week of 1893. Exports of Indian corn this week show a marked increase, amounting to 3,659,960 bushels as compared with 3,011,000 bushels last week, 3,222,000 bushels in the week a year ago, 927,000 bushels in the week two years ago, 1,424,000 bushels three years ago and as contrasted with 487,000 bushels in the like week of 1893.

Dun's Trade Review.

New York, Feb. 6.—R. G. Dun & Co., in their weekly review of trade, say:

No important change in business appears, but the number of manufacturing establishments starting much exceeds the number of those stopping during the week, and so much that the curtailment of working time in many cotton mills probably does not lessen the aggregate productive force or amount of wages paid. There is a distinct increase in orders for woolen goods, some gain in the silk manufacture, a waiting condition, with gain, in one branch of boots and shoes, and indications of better things coming in the iron and steel manufacture.

To many, it is the most perplexing feature of current events that wheat does not rise much, though it has advanced 1¾ cents for the week. The condition of the market is not explained by any special information, but current prices show that no great confidence is felt in the estimates of supplies available for the rest of the year. Cotton fell to 7¼ cents after the agreement to close Fall River and other print cloth works became known, but recovered the quotation of a week ago—7.31 cents—without further news. Spinners' takings have been so small this year—those of northern mills about 40,000 bales less than in 1894-95—that the admitted narrowness of demand for goods has at present considerable weight. It appears that foreign trade is also somewhat restricted by narrowness of demand.

WONDERFUL are the cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla, and yet they are simple and natural. Hood's Sarsaparilla makes PURE BLOOD.

Sales of wool have been smaller than in other recent weeks, and yet are far in excess of the consumption of all mills for a week, if all were fully employed. A London account states that prices of Australian would have gone lower but for American buying, and rumor credits a single concern with purchases of 15,000,000 pounds Australian, here or abroad. There has been only a slight stiffening in prices, but more foreign wool will be taken and stored, it is believed, if western holders continue to demand higher prices. More important than these indications is a little better demand for heavyweight goods, which had led some of the smaller mills to buy more freely, and thus enable a number to start operations.

It is hard to comprehend the boot and shoe trade at present, for, while recorded shipments from the east are larger than in the same week of any previous year, a good many of the shops have actually closed, although some on women's light goods have called back cutters previously laid off. The price of union sole leather has declined 1 cent, but, in order to stiffen the leather market, tanners have bought hides largely, advancing the price about 1.2 per cent at Chicago.

Prices of Bessemer pig and grey forge at Pittsburg have slightly advanced, with a much more hopeful feeling, notwithstanding the comparative narrowness of the demand for finished products, and in plates and wire and wire nails there is much more business, with good prospects. Reports that 25,000 tons of steel plate and sheet bars have been exported to England are only indications of the temporary excess of supply over demand in this country, and are not supposed to have realized any profit.

Failures for the week have been 311 in the United States, against 323 last year, and 63 in Canada, against 67 last year.

The Wool Market.

Boston, Feb. 6.—The Boston Commercial Bulletin today says of the wool market: The market is a little less active but the sales are still exceptionally large. There is less speculation but more purchasing for actual consumption as the slowly improving demands for woolen goods call for more material. Prices are no lower and, indeed, on ¼ blood and low wools, are distinctly higher than last week. Foreign markets are being ransacked by American dealers and by American mills. English, French and South American markets are all feeling the stimulus. So heavy have the purchases of the larger mills been that there is serious apprehension that the glut of wool, shortly to be increased by the new American clip, will check any marked advance in prices for the present.

The sales of the week are 5,730,000 pound domestic and 2,950,000 pounds foreign, against 8,684,000 pounds domestic and 2,255,000 pounds foreign last week, and 2,655,000 pounds domestic and 1,224,000 pounds foreign for the same week last year.

The sales to date show an increase of 19,896,000 pounds domestic and 4,573,000 pounds foreign from the sales to the same date in 1896.

The receipts to date show an increase of 435 bales domestic and a decrease of 6105 bales foreign.

National Sound Money League.

New York, Feb. 6.—A meeting was held at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday of the New York signers to a paper favoring the organization of a nonpartisan national sound money league. The names of more than 100 men of prominence in financial and business circles of this city appear on the paper. Henry Hentz presided. E. V. Smalley of St. Paul, acting as secretary of the movement, made a report which showed that a considerable number of leading business men, both Republicans and sound money Democrats, in the cities of Boston, Baltimore, Charleston, Galveston, Louisville, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Indianapolis, Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Milwaukee, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Fargo have signed a document identical with that signed in New York. The report also showed that the executive committee of the Pennsylvania Sound Money league have offered to co-operate with the new organization. It was determined at the meeting to call a conference of two delegates from each city represented in the league movement to meet in New York at the Chamber of Commerce on Feb. 24, for the purpose of adopting a constitution and electing officers. The headquarters of the national sound money league are to be in Chicago as soon as its work is formally begun. The general purpose of the league is to carry on educational work during the next four years to influence public opinion in favor of the maintenance of the gold standard and of legislation for currency reform. Marshall Field of Chicago is proposed for the presidency.

MARSHALL FIELD.

Investigating the Sugar Trust.

New York, Feb. 6.—The Lexow trust investigating committee held an interesting session yesterday. The affairs of the sugar trust are being probed. Henry O. Havemeyer and the other officials of the sugar trust were examined. The history of the organization was gone into in detail as was also the amount of capital invested. President Havemeyer stated that the capital stock was $50,000,000, held by 8000 stockholders. The charge that the sugar company had organized a coffee company to punish the Arbuckles for establishing a competing sugar refinery was emphatically denied by Mr. Havemeyer. It was admitted that the trust controlled the sugar market of the United States, by virtue of the fact that it produced 80 per cent of the sugar consumed. Mr. Havemeyer said that trusts or combinations of all the producers in one industry greatly lessened the prices to consumers.

Sullivan Will Settle.

Boston, Feb. 6.—The application of John L. Sullivan, ex-champion pugilist, to take the poor debtor's oath, was discontinued by Judge Brown yesterday. By agreement neither the complainant, a well known florist of this city, nor John L. Sullivan put in an appearance, and it was announced that the claim would be settled without further invoking the aid of the law.

Human Ingenuity.

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LABOR TROUBLES APPEAR

STRIKE OF IRON MOULDERS AT CAMBRIDGE.

The Situation in Brockton is Practically Unchanged.

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 6.—The 50 iron molders employed by Barbour, Stockwell & Co., of this place have struck on account of what was virtually a cut down in wages. The strikers claim that the firm desired them to do a certain difficult class of work for which, they claim, only the regular rate of wages would be paid, although on account of the length of time consumed in the work it was impossible for them to aggregate their usual pay. The men claim that this is but the beginning of a strike that may extend throughout all the foundries in Boston and vicinity, and possibly throughout New England, as this grievance exists, though on a minor scale, in all the factories. The trouble has been growing for some time. Notices of the strike have been sent to the different unions in Lynn, Salem and Boston, and a line of pickets has been established around the factory.

At Brockton.

Brockton, Mass., Feb. 6.—The labor troubles in the factory of Chase & Fletcher of this city have been settled by a written agreement between the firm and President Tobin of the Boot and Shoe Workers' union, and the 100 employes returned to work today. The firm will continue the same schedule of prices and in future, if any difficulty arises, that cannot be settled by mutual agreement, it will be referred to the state board of arbitration. There is no change in the situation at Charles A. Eaton & Co.'s factory, and the firm states that on Monday all departments will be filled.

BAY STATE LEGISLATURE

MANY BILLS AND PETITIONS ARE PRESENTED.

The 400 Foot Limit Again in Controversy—Trust Companies are Considered.

Boston, Feb. 6.—That order for an investigation into laws and conduct of military organizations, to determine if any legislation is necessary, and the grounds for reported discontent and lack of discipline in some quarters, passed the house yesterday. Numerous bills and petitions specially concerning Boston were put in, among them a request for the repeal of the 400-foot limit in regard to liquor saloons and schools; an appeal for licensed religious services in the parks. Interesting statements were made in regard to two or three bills making liquor licenses for innholders depend on the number of rooms in the hotel. Comparatively little business was done in reducing the liability of innholders for losses of their guests. Committees reported, among other bills, those fixing capital stock for trust companies, and that to restrict the transportation of liquor into no-license cities and towns. An adverse report was given on the bill providing that license fees in cities shall be paid into the state treasury.

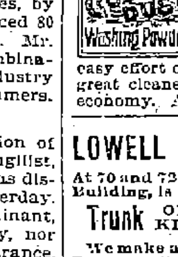
OF STREET RAILWAYS.

Their Growth in Massachusetts in Past Years.

Boston, Feb. 6.—According to the report of the railroad commissioners on street railways, just made public, Massachusetts companies now own 1,083,516 miles of street railway line, 193.229 miles of second main track and 91.502 miles of side track, making the total length of track owned 1,368,247 miles. The increase over the previous year is 202,997 miles. The number of miles actually operated is 1,291,410, an increase of 203.805. There are now 83 companies in the state. The gross assets of the companies on Sept. 30, 1896, were $62,157,775.01. The liabilities were $61,117,713.49. The total income was $14,900,941.93 and the total expenditures were $14,423,012.72. The total amount of cash dividends declared last year was $1,802,846.50, an increase of $196,652. One company paid as high as 10½ per cent.

Mrs. Beecher's End Near.

Stamford, Conn., Feb. 6.—The life of Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher is rapidly drawing to a close. The attending physician states that she cannot live more than a few days longer, and it is the belief that she will not survive today. Messages were sent last evening summoning relatives. Mrs. Beecher has been confined to her room since Dec. 20, when she received a bad fall and broke her hip, and, owing to her advanced years and weakness from a previous fall.



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Arbitration Treaty to Come Up.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Senator Sherman, chairman of the senate committee on foreign relations, has given notice that he will ask the senate to go into executive session Monday, immediately after the disposal of the routine morning business, for the purpose of taking up the arbitration treaty. Opposition is expected from friends of other measures.

Senor Andrade, accompanied by Secretary Olney, called on President Cleveland, bearing a testimonial from the governor and people of the state of Seulia, Venezuela, in recognition of the good offices of the president and Secretary Olney in the matter of the boundary dispute. The testimonial consisted of a rosette, composed of 172 samples of rare woods from the forests of Seulia, and a cane made of 125 pieces of these woods.

Senator Chandler has favorably reported a bill from the committee on postoffices and post roads, the house bill providing for free delivery of mail in towns where free delivery is not established by law, carriers to be paid by the persons who want the service.

The American Forestry association is holding its annual session in this city. The association, which was organized in Cincinnati in 1882, was incorporated in this city yesterday. General Francis H. Appleton of Boston, president of the Massachusetts Horticultural society and of the New England Agricultural society, was elected president.

Portland's New Armory.

Portland, Me., Feb. 6.—The formal opening of the handsome new armory, built at a cost of $50,000, by the city of Portland, for the four companies of the national guard here, took place last night. A review of the battalion under the command of Major Collins was held, and Major Baxter, Adjutant General Seldon Connors and Colonel Kendall acted as the reviewing officers. The ceremony was witnessed by a crowd of 5000. The event marks an epoch in the history of the state of Maine.

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For Lawrence, 8.30, 9.25, 10.50 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 5.40, 4.05, 5.10, 6.15, 7.00, 8.30, †11.25 p.m. SUNDAYS, 8.15 a. m., 12.05, 5.30, 7.25 p. m.
For Haverhill, 6.30, 6.50, 8.30, 9.25 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.40, 4.05, 5.10, 6.15, 7.00, 8.30, †11.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.15 a. m., 12.05, 5.30, 7.25 p. m.
For Salem and Lynn, 12.05, 5.10 p. m.
For Newburyport and Amesbury, 6.30 a. m. 12.05, 2.30, 4.05, 6.15 p. m.
For Exeter and Dover, 6.50, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.40, 4.05, 5.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.
For Rochester and Alton Bay, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 4.05 p. m.
For Somersworth, N. H., Salmon Falls, Saco, Old Orchard and Portland, 6.50, 8.30 a.m.; 12.05, 4.05, 5.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.
For Augusta, Bath, Waterville, 8.30 a.m.; 12.05, 5.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.
For Lewiston, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 5.10 p. m.
For Bangor, Belfast, and way stations, 8.30 a. m., 5.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.
For Skowhegan and Rockland, 8.30 a. m.
For St. John, N. B., Halifax, N. S., and the Provinces, 5.10 p. m., except Saturday. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.
For Montreal and Quebec, 8.30 a. m., 5.10 p. m. (5.10 does not run Saturdays); SUNDAY, 5.30 p. m.
For Eastport and St. John (per steamer), on Mondays, 12.05 p. m.
For Castine Deer Isle, Sedgwick, Bar Harbor, Jonesport and Machiasport (via steamer Frank Jones, from Rockland), last trip for season, Dec. 25, '96. §
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For Boston, 5.45, 6.30, ¶6.50, *7.45, *8.50, ¶9.00, *9.40, 11.00 a. m.; 1.40, ¶3.00, 4.25, ¶6.35 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.45 a. m.
Trains Leave Middlesex Street Station, Lowell, as follows:
For Boston, 5.48, 6.33, ¶6.52, 7.01, 7.13, *7.27, 7.33, *7.48, *8.57, 9.03, *9.50, 11.03, 11.42 a. m. 12.16, 1.43, ¶3.03, *3.55, 4.00, 4.28, 5.22, 5.38, 6.21, 7.51 p. m. SUNDAYS, *7.18, *7.27, 8.48, *9.19 a. m.; 4.25, 5.58 p. m.
For Woburn, 6.30, 7.01, 7.33, 7.45, 11.00 a.m.; 1.43, 4.28, p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.45 a. m., 4.25, 5.58 p. m.
*Express. ¶Via Bedford.
For Lawrence, 6.30, 10.00 a. m; 4.15 p. m.
For Salem, and Way Stations, 7.33 a. m.; 1.28, 5.53 p. m.
For Ayer Junction, and Way Stations, 7.10 a. m.; 12.00, 5.00 and 5.42 p. m. SUNDAYS 2.15 p. m.
For Amherst, Milford and Wilton, 9.13 a. m.; 1.00, 3.43, 5.40 p. m. SUNDAYS 2 p. m.
For Greenfield, Peterboro', Bennington, Hillsboro' and Keene, 9.13 a. m. and 3.43 p. m. SUNDAYS, to Greenfield, 2.00 p. m.
For Nashua, Manchester and Concord, 7.40 9.13, 9.40, 10.09 a. m; 12.09, 1.00, 1.40, 3.43, 5.40, 6.17, 8.13, 8.40 p. m. SUNDAYS 10.00 a. m. (to Nashua only) 3.08 a. m., 2.00, 6.02, 8.12, 8.40 p.m.
For Franklin, Lebanon and White River Junction, 9.13, 9.40 a. m; 12.09, 1.40 (to Franklin only), 5.40, †8.13 p. m.
For Warner, Bradford, Sunapee, Newport, (N. H.), Claremont and Claremont Junction—7.40, 9.13 a. m; 1.40 p. m.
For St. Johnsbury and Lyndonville via Wells River—9.40 a.m; 1.40, †8.40 p. m.
For Montpelier, Montreal, Essex Junction, Burlington and St. Albans, via Central Vermont line—9.40 a. m.; 12.09, †8.13 p. m.
For Montreal and Quebec, via Montreal and Boston Air Line—9.40 a. m.; †8.40 p. m.
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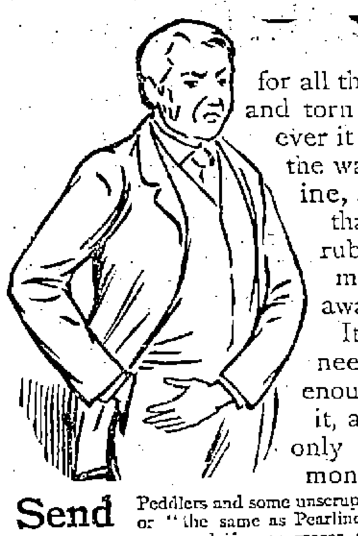

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CUBAN REFORMS

Scheme of Home Rule Signed by Queen.

FULL TEXT OF THE OFFICIAL DECREE.

A Council of Administration To Be Formed.

Madrid, Feb. 6.—The Cuban reform scheme, as prepared by Senor Canovas, passed by the cortes and signed by the queen regent, is published today in the official gazette. Following is a full extract of the decree without the preamble:

MARIA CHRISTINA, QUEEN REGENT OF SPAIN.

Article 1. The laws of March 15, 1895, will be exemplified, in accordance with the following rules, which will be developed in by-laws:

Rule 1. The municipalities and assemblies of the six provinces of the island of Cuba (Pinar Del Rio, Havana, Matanzas, Santa Clara, Puerto Principe and Santiago De Cuba) will enjoy all the liberties compatible with the laws and the respect of individual rights.

The assemblies will have the right to elect their presidents. In each assembly there will be an executive committee elected by the assembly every six months, and its president will be elected by said committee. The mayors and deputy mayors will be elected by the municipalities from amongst the members. They will exercise, without limitation, the active functions of the municipal administration as executors of the decisions of the municipalities.

The provincial authorities will have the right to suspend the decision of the municipalities when they go beyond the limits of the municipal rights, but, in this case, the municipalities will have the right of appeal to the highest court of the province.

The provincial assemblies will have large powers in matters of taxes, in accordance with the general and local system of taxation.

The appropriations for the provinces and municipalities will be separately made.

The organization of establishments of public instruction in the provinces will correspond to the provisional assemblies, and in the towns and cities to the municipalities.

The governor general and the civil governors of the provinces will only have the right of intervention in matters of public instruction, to assure the fulfilment of the general laws, and compatibility of the municipal and provincial appropriations with the expenses of those establishments.

Rule 2. The council of administration of the island will be composed of 35 councillors: 21 of them will be elected directly by the people, with the same conditions and census that elects the provincial assemblies and the municipalities, according to the rule established in Article 3 of the law of March 15, 1895. Nine will be as follows: The president of the University of Havana, the president of the chamber of commerce of Havana, the president of the Economical Societies of the Friends of the Country of Havana, the president of the Planters' association, the president of the Tobacco Manufacturers' union, one member representing the chapters of the cathedrals of Havana and of Santiago De Cuba, one representing all the trades associations of Havana; two designated among the taxpayers of the province of Havana.

The other five will be senators or representatives to the cortes, who have been elected by the island of Cuba in a greater number of elections.

The governor general will be honorary president of the council, and the actual president will be nominated by the governor general from among the members of the council.

The members of the cortes, during their term, cannot be councillors of administration.

In order to be elected councillor, it is necessary to have the same qualifications as are required to be a deputy to the cortes, and it is necessary to have resided two years in the island.

The appointment of the officers and clerks of the council will be vested exclusively in said council.

The council will elect, every six months, committees, each of them composed of five members, for the transaction of business and the drafting of resolutions.

Rule 3. The cortes will determine the amount of expenses of sovereignty (imperial expenses), and will determine the total of the budget. To meet that amount the council of administration will accord every year the taxes and revenues necessary to supply the expenses approved by the cortes. Only in the case of the council of administration not having approved and voted by the 1st of July, the taxes and revenues necessary to meet the budget, approved by the cortes, the governor general will decree them, with the advice of the intendente.

The council of administration will frame and approve the local budget and the resources for the expenses.

Educational institutions to qualify for governmental expenses, excepting for those of the army and navy, will correspond in organization to the council of administration.

Rule 4. Attributes of the council of administration as regards the customs tariff will be as follows:

First—It will fix all rules for the application of the customs duties.

Second—It will decide what is most convenient regarding taxes on exports.

Third—It will fix or modify the fiscal duties for revenue on importations in the island.

Fourth—It is to be heard in an advisory manner regarding the rules, classifications and schedule of duties.

These rights will have the following limitations:

First—National products directly imported to Cuba will enjoy indispensable protection, taking into consideration that the taxes on foreign products will be for revenue only.

Second—Taxes for revenue established by the council of administration will be applied alike to foreign and to national products.

Third—Taxes on exports will be equally levied and will not be differential, but it will be possible to except from these rules the direct exports to Spain for home consumption.

Fourth—No prohibition on exports will be imposed upon products directly exported for home consumption in Spain.

The customs tariff will have the following form:

It will consist of two columns: one for revenue only, equally applied and in the same proportion to foreign and home products, and the other column will consist of differential duties imposed on all foreign products and where there will be a margin of protection for the national industry, with a maximum that the cortes will establish.

The government will fix for the first time the articles of the tariff which will make up the differential columns. The taxes will not exceed 20 per cent of the value of the article.

The government will decree a revision of the official valuation of merchandise after hearing all those interested pro and con.

The immediate realization of all the conditions established in these rules being impossible, the minister of the colonies, in accordance with the law of the 28th of June, 1895, will publish a provisional tariff on these lines, in order to avoid delay in the reform of the tariff laws.

The commercial treaties and conventions affecting the tariff of Cuba will be special. In order to establish reciprocity, there will not be in them the most favored nation clause, or its equivalent.

The council of administration will be consulted over the advisability of negotiating commercial treaties and conventions, which it is the intention of the government to negotiate, and this will be done before the final drafting of the treaty and its presentation for the approval of the cortes.

Rule 5. Refers to the powers of the governor general to appoint employes in the offices of the general government and in the offices of the civil governors of the provinces.

Rule 6. Refers to the secretariat of the general government, to the powers of the intendente (head of the treasury), comptroller, director of local administration, names the clerks in their offices.

Rule 7. Refers to the appointment of governmental employes by the governor general, who must be Cuban born or peninsulars, who have resided at least two years in the island. These appointments will be made with the advice and consent of the council of administration and with regard to the legal and proper qualification of the nominees.

From this rule are only excepted the secretary general, intendente, comptroller, director of local administration, director of postal and telegraph service and the civil governors of the six provinces.

The governor general will be authorized to name delegates in the municipalities to exercise executive functions, but in no case will be allowed to interfere with the proper functions of the mayors of the municipalities.

Rule 8. Refers to the members of the judiciary, who will be only appointed among Cuban born or from persons having resided two years in the island. The municipal judges (justices of the peace) will be appointed by election by the members of the municipalities, supplemented by a number of electors chosen by the people.

Rule 9. The council of administration will respect the actual pending contracts, and at the expiration of the same will have the right to accept or repeal them. The council will also have the power of enforcing in the island the treasury laws of the peninsula and of entering into a contract with the Bank of Cuba.

A special decree, which will be submitted to the cortes, will contain the rules for the maintenance of public order, and the repression of cessionist movements.

Art. 2. The government will embody in a single decree the present rules and those of the laws of May, 1895, developing both in bylaws, which shall not change the strict sense of the present decree.

Art. 3. Disposes that the above-mentioned rules will apply also to Puerto Rico.

Art. 4. The date for the application to Cuba of the law of 1895 and the present decree to Cuba and Porto Rico will be fixed by the government as soon as the state of the war will permit it.

Olney's Offer From Harvard.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Secretary Olney has received from President Eliot of Harvard university an invitation to fill

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the chair of international law at that institution after the expiration of his term of office in the state department. The secretary has taken the offer under consideration.

Old "Alec" Gilchrist Dead.

Philadelphia, Feb. 6.—Old "Alec" Gilchrist, the Union league's veteran doorkeeper, and who knew and was known by nearly every leading public man in the United States for the past 25 years, died yesterday. For over 25 years "Alec" has stood guard at the entrance to the famous clubhouse, which dined and entertained the most distinguished men of this as well as other countries. In that time "Alec" formed the personal acquaintance of most of them, and there was never a time any of the number came into the clubhouse that "Alec" was not greeted cordially. Blaine, Garfield, Harrison and Generals Grant, Sherman and Sheridan were among his best friends. He was an especial favorite of Sherman's, having served with him through the war.

Don't Like Washburn's Plan.

Lynn, Mass., Feb. 6.—The People's party members of this city, at a meeting last night, decided that they did not like the idea of party policy contained in a recent letter by George F. Washburn of Boston, a member of the national committee of the People's party. Accordingly, resolutions were adopted which favored the uniting of all parties which indorsed Mr. Bryan in the recent campaign into the People's party. Mr. Washburn's plan was for the independence of the People's party.

Hanna Still Silent.

Canton, O., Feb. 6.—Chairman Hanna held a long conference with Major McKinley yesterday, but refused to speak of the subjects discussed. It is generally believed in Ohio that Hanna will succeed Sherman in the senate, notwithstanding reports that Governor Bushnell will appoint Lieutenant Governor Jones.

AYER'S HAIR VIGOR PRESERVES THE Natural Color of the Hair

WOMAN LAWYER

Mrs. Ricker of Dover, N. H., a Candidate

FOR MINISTER TO SUCCEED THE HON. LUTHER McKINLEY.

Wants Women Recognized in Diplomatic Service.

Boston, Feb. 6.—The Traveler says: The Traveler is enabled to state authoritatively that Marilla M. Ricker, the well-known lawyer of Washington and of Dover, N. H., is a candidate for the office of envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the United States of Colombia, which position is now filled by Hon. Luther McKinney of Manchester, N. H.

For some time, Mrs. Ricker, who believes firmly in the right of woman to interest herself in political and legal affairs, has been quietly getting her bearings on the office, and has collected a goodly array of strong recommendations from influential men in New Hampshire and elsewhere, who fully and freely admit she is perfectly fitted to represent Uncle Sam in the capital of the South American republic. Her petition has already been sent to the president-elect.

Mrs. Ricker has declared her determination to leave no stone unturned in her quest for ambassadorial honors. "I ask for the place," she said, "because I think the time has come when woman should be recognized in the diplomatic service. I am not oversanguine of getting the appointment, of course, but I am going to be heard in the matter, and the world shall know that one woman, at least, has courage enough to undertake a line of work hitherto the exclusive prerogative of men."

Mrs. Ricker has a reputation all over the country as a lawyer of great ability. She was admitted to the supreme court of the District of Columbia in 1892, standing at the head of her class, in which there were 18 men. She was appointed United States commissioner and examiner in chancery by the supreme court of the District in 1895 and was admitted to practice before the supreme court of the United States at Washington in 1891. She opened the New Hampshire bar to women in June, 1890.

As to her political activity, it is only necessary to say that she was the first woman in the country who tried to vote. In March, 1870, she went before the selectmen of Dover, N. H., and asked to have her name put on the checklist. She went to the polls three days later and offered the straight Republican ticket. She has done much political work in New Hampshire, Iowa, California and Massachusetts. At Marshalltown, Ia., during the campaign of 1892, she organized a woman's Republican club. Her work throughout New Hampshire in the campaigns of '88, '92 and '95 is well known.

Republican Banquet.

Boston, Feb. 6.—The Marketmen's Republican club celebrated its 10th anniversary at the Quincy House last night. No banquet in the history of the club has been so largely attended, nearly 250 sitting down to dinner. If Colonel William M. Olin, secretary of the commonwealth, had been present, he would have learned something about public sentiment in respect to the passage of the bill now before the legislature to provide for voting a straight party ticket. That measure was roundly denounced by several speakers, to the expressed delight of the entire gathering. Rev. A. A. Berle made a tart speech in pointing out Republican shortcomings. He called the new insurance commissioner of New York "a notorious scoundrel," and denounced Governor Black for appointing him. The speakers of the evening were Governor Wolcott, Speaker Bates, Colonel H. A. Thomas, Rev. A. A. Berle, Representative George A. Brown of Everett, Rev. C. W. Biddle, General Curtis Guild, Jr., and ex-Mayor Thomas N. Hart.

Massachusetts Legislature.

Boston, Feb. 6.—That order for an investigation into laws and conduct of military organizations, to determine if any legislation is necessary, and the grounds for reported discontent and lack of discipline in some quarters, passed the house yesterday. Numerous bills and petitions specially concerning Boston were put in, among them a request for the repeal of the 400-foot limit in regard to liquor saloons and schools; an appeal for licensed religious services in the parks. Interesting statements were made in regard to two or three bills making liquor licenses for innholders depend on the number of rooms in the hotel. Comparatively little business was done in reducing the liability of innholders for losses of their guests. Committees reported, among other bills, those fixing capital stock for trust companies, and that to restrict the transportation of liquor into no-license cities and towns. An adverse report was given on the bill providing that license fees in cities shall be paid into the state treasury.

The Pope's Illness.

London, Feb. 6.—The Daily News has received the following from its correspondent at Rome: Despite statements to the contrary, I am informed that the pope was yesterday found unconscious in his chair and was only revived by inhaling ether. The attack is the gravest which he has suffered during the past two years, and it is attributed to increasing cerebral anaemia.

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For over forty years it has been used and proved to cure the most stubborn lung or bronchial colds. It soothes and heals quickly, preventing serious development. It does not upset the stomach.

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Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar is a medicine that has long been tested in private practice. Sold by druggists generally.

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FROM OUR 5 O'CLOCK EDITION

Of Yesterday.

THREE ARE KILLED

Today's Record of Fatalities in Mass.

YOUNG WIFE ASPHYXIATED AT HAVERHILL.

Two Tragic Deaths Occur in Boston.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Haverhill, Mass., Feb. 5.—Mrs. Alta M. Ramsdell, aged 17 years, was found dead in her house this morning, escaping gas having asphyxiated her.

Asphyxiation in Boston.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Boston, Feb. 5.—Still another case of asphyxiation has come to light. Robert Moore, a restaurant keeper, was found dying in his room this morning asphyxiated. Air in the gas pipe caused the blaze to go out.

Fatality in Boston.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Boston, Feb. 5.—An unknown man was killed on the New England railroad at the Dorchester crossing track this morning. The body was horribly mangled.

KILLED A HORSE

Then Fed It to Himself and His Family.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 5.—John Geisen, a German, took a lame horse away from some boys last night, drove it into his hut and killed and ate part of it. His wife and four children are starving. They had eaten nothing for three days, and have had no meat for months.

MURDERER SENTENCED.

Thomas Kippie Found Guilty of Wife Murder—Will Hang July 14.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 5.—Thomas F. Kippie, who was found guilty yesterday of murder in the first degree by killing his wife a year ago, was sentenced this morning to be hanged July 14 at the state prison in Wethersfield.

POPE NOT ILL.

His Physician Denies That He Fainted.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Rome, Feb. 5.—The Pope's physician denies the story that the Pope fainted yesterday and cannot hold receptions hereafter. He says His Holiness held the usual reception today.

Mr. Bryan Invited.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 5.—The lower house of the legislature has invited Mr. Bryan to address that body.

Col. Dimon's Opinions.

Col. Dimon has addressed the following interesting interview to The Sun relative to the reported episode at the banquet:

"I hardly think it possible that Gen. Curtis used the words ascribed to him in the above. He was a general officer and should be well posted as to war records.

"I think I am correct in stating that Gen. Ames is the only general officer in Massachusetts who has received from the United States government a medal of honor. This medal is given only after complete investigation, to officers and privates in the late war who performed some special voluntary act of bravery outside of their regular line of action under orders.

At the first battle of Bull Run, in 1861, Gen. Ames was lieutenant of a regular battery in that action. His battery suffered terribly, all pieces being disabled but two. He was wounded very severely, I think in the groin. He refused to give up the command of the two guns remaining, but ordered his men to strap him to the gun limbers, and with the assistance of the remaining men he gave orders for the two pieces to be advanced and to a position under a heavy fire, where he covered the retreat of one of our brigades. The medal was awarded for this action.

Afterwards as colonel and general, in command of regiment, brigade and division, he fought all through and participated in the severe battles of the Army of the Potomac.

I believe the account to be highly exaggerated.

What Mr. Cowley Says.

Charles Cowley, Esq., of this city was interviewed by a Sun representative and said substantially.

"Gen. Ames has now read his elaborate paper on the Capture of Fort Fisher four times, viz.: before the Massachusetts Military Historical society, 18 months ago, in Memorial hall, before Post 42, G. A. R. last April, before the Massachusetts Loyal Legion and on Wednesday night before the New York Loyal Legion. The paper is one of careful analysis of the testimony of all the original witnesses, both federal and confederate, including those who have written original histories of the battle. He defends the course of Gen. Butler in the first attack and his own part in the second attack. If what has been said of Gen. Curtis' action at the battle of Fort Fisher is true it is no wonder he feels angry. Gen. Ames was a brave man and has never received popular credit for his heroism and generalship at Fort Fisher owing to the unreliability of reports issued by officers over him who were avaricious for fame. Gen. Terry has said in his report that Gen. Ames had the immediate command of all the troops which took the fort and its garrison. Gen. Curtis was wounded early in the battle which rendered him unable to participate to any great extent in the bravery exhibited at the memorable battle."

Fought Under Ames.

The veterans now living who figured in that memorable charge on Fort Fisher can and should refute the disgraceful epithet hurled at General Ames by General Curtis.

In fact the appelation of "craven coward" given in a moment of anger is so ridiculous that it is funny. The heroism of General Ames needs no defense. If it did thousands of brave men who fought under him would rise in a body with indignation at the imputation.

The writer is acquainted with Lieut. Joseph Wingate of Dover, who fought under General Ames at Fort Fisher. Said he:

"General Ames was one of the bravest men I ever saw under fire. He was nervy and gallant and exposed himself openly to the deadliest fire in order to direct the charge of his men."

It is strange, too, that it took General Curtis 18 months or more after that paper on Fort Fisher was first read to discover that the general possessed "a craven heart."

The paper was read before the American Military Historical society, the G. A. R. posts of Lowell, the Boston Encampment of the Loyal Legion and finally at the New York encampment. General Ames is no coward.

A BIG EXPLOSION

Occurred Today in North Adams

IN WINDSOR PRINT WORKS COLOR SHOP.

Joseph Bennett, the Foreman, Badly Injured.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

North Adams, Mass., Feb. 5.—A terrific explosion occurred at the Windsor Print works this morning.

Joseph Bennett, the foreman of the coloring room, was mixing a chemical solution when it exploded. His face was terribly burned. One eye was destroyed, the other injured, and his hands were lacerated.

The building was damaged and many windows blown out.

SMOKE TALK

Of the Y. M. C. L. I. was Held Last Night.

The Y. M. C. L. I. gave a smoke talk last night in the school hall. Edward Slattery was the speaker of the evening.

In the literary entertainment there were numbers by William Donahue, Patrick Carney, John Quirk, Charles Burns, Thomas Walsh, Dominick Roach, Frank Jones, Frank O'Connell, William Morrison, Thomas McGinn, Michael Ford and Luke Walsh.

BOHEMIANS DANCED

With Their Friends Last Night in Burkes' Hall.

The Bohemian Boat club held a party in Burkes' hall, last evening. About 40 couples were present, and Hibbard's orchestra furnished music.

Railroad Station Burned.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

East Haddom, Conn., Feb. 5.—The railroad station at Godspeed was broken into, robbed and burned this morning. The loss will be three thousand dollars.

CITY MESSENGER CAHILL

Holds His Post While the New Appointee Sits Out in the Corridor.

At city hall this morning Messenger Cahill was at his post, while Mr. Going, the new appointee of the city council, was sitting in a corridor down stairs—earning his salary, as he supposes.

Why not take in Mr. Going as assistant? was asked the genial Henry. Oh, yes, I'm Going to when I need assistance, and he smiled significantly as if to say, "I am here and nobody is Going to put me out."

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Some Pertinent Queries

Lowell Experience.

Is your head stuffed up?
Is your breath bad?
Do scabs form in your nose?
Does the nose bleed easily?
Do you sneeze a great deal?
Is there a pain over the eyes?
Is the voice husky?
Do you spit up slime?
Is there a buzzing sound heard?
Are you gradually becoming deaf?
Is there a ringing in your ears?
Is the sense of smell leaving you?
Does it hurt the ears when you blow your nose?
Does your nose discharge continually?
Do you snore at night?
Is there a pain between your shoulders?
Do you hawk to clear the throat?
Is there a dropping in the throat?
Is the throat dry in the morning?
Are you losing the sense of taste?
Do you take cold easily?

If you have any of these symptoms you are suffering from catarrh in some form. California Catarrh Cure will instantly relieve and speedily cure you.

Lowell people are beginning to find out. Frank Phillips, who keeps a small confectionery store at 490 Market street, says: 'I have had the catarrh for years, suffering at times with a severe pain in my head, ringing in my ears, sneezing, hawking, spitting and often gagging, especially in the morning, which sometimes caused me to loose my breakfast. The dropping in my throat was also very disagreeable. I obtained a bottle of California Catarrh Cure at Ellingwood & Co's pharmacy and find that it is helping me very much. My head has not felt as clear for months, and I haven't had the headache since I commenced using C. C. C., while the dropping in my throat has stopped. I am glad to express my belief in its virtue and merit, and anyone suffering from catarrh in any form will make no mistake in using this wonderful remedy.''

California Catarrh Cure is sold by all dealers: 50 cents, three times as much, one dollar.

The Story of Puritana.

Prof. Dixi Crosby, M. D., LL. D., who for thirty-two years was at the head of Dartmouth Medical College, belonged to the famous Crosby family of physicians, which for several generations has furnished more distinguished medical men than any other family in America. His father was Dr. Asa Crosby, of Dartmouth, who procured the charter of the State medical society, of which he was for thirty years a conspicuous member; one brother, Dr. Josiah Crosby, invented the invalid bed and the method of making extensions of fractured limbs by adhesive strips; another brother, Dr. Thos. R. Crosby, was chief surgeon in Columbian College Hospital during the war, and later professor of animal and vegetable physiology at Dartmouth College; while Dr. Dixi Crosby himself was the inventor and discoverer of various important improvements in medicine and surgery, including a new and unique mode of reducing metacarpophalangeal dislocation, opening of abscess at hip-joint, etc., etc.

At the early age of twenty-four his extraordinary skill and success in overcoming disease had already attracted the attention of medical men throughout the world, and won for him the highest honors. His greatest achievement was the discovery of an original method for perfecting and compounding in permanent form what has become known as his "prize formula," and which, under the name of Puritana, is legally protected.

The foundation of this remarkable medical discovery consists of simple New England roots and herbs, and the original family recipe for it has descended to the long line of Crosby physicians from their Puritan ancestors. Its peculiar vegetable composition rendered it necessary to brew it whenever needed in the early days of its history, and after the scattering of the Puritan families to remote localities, where the necessary ingredients were not to be found, many attempts were made to put it up in permanent form, all of which failed until Dr. Dixi Crosby discovered means and methods, the result of which is: Nature's Cure compounded in the laboratory of Common Sense.

It cures from head to foot.

Puritana

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Nature's Cure

For diseases of the Stomach, Liver, Blood, Kidneys, And for Weak Lungs, Starved Nerves, Fagged Brain

It cures after everything else has failed. It cures cases that have been given up as hopeless. It cures pleasantly. It cures positively. It cures permanently.

It cures from head to foot.

Puritana is the prize formula of Prof. Dixi Crosby, M.D., LL.D., for over 30 years at the head of Dartmouth Medical College.

If you are a sufferer, get of your druggist this great disease-conquering discovery (the price is $1 for the complete treatment consisting of one bottle of Puritana, one bottle Puritana Pills, and one bottle of Puritana Tablets all incased in one package) or write to the undersigned, and you will bless the day when you heard of Puritana. The Puritana Compound Co., Concord, N. H.

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(From U. S. Journal of Medicine.)

Prof. W. H. Peeke, who makes a specialty of Epilepsy, has without doubt treated and cured more cases than any living Physician; his success is astonishing. We have heard of cases of 20 years' standing cured by him. He publishes a valuable work on this disease which he sends with a large bottle of his absolute cure, free to any sufferer who may send their P.O. and Express address. We advise anyone wishing a cure to address, Prof. W. H. PEEKE, F. D., 4 Cedar St., New York

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Miss Stahl as Camille.

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AGENTS—Fifty cents on each dollar; no experience necessary. Write for sample copy. Address The Catholic News, 13 Barclay St., New York.

LOST—The latter part of November, a copy of specifications between Hardy's grocery store on Market street, and Canal block on Central street. A reward of $10 will be given to the person returning same to this office.

AGENTS WANTED—A bonanza. Agents making $25.00 a week at it in other places. Something new. Call at 153 Appleton street between 7 and 9 p. m.

WANTED.—Men and women to canvass for a new article. Apply room 6, Urban block.

WANTED.—Two good experienced agents to represent our clothing in this city or Lawrence. Apply to Irish Custom Tailoring Co., 201 Middlesex street, Elliot building, room 3.

LOST—Friday evening, pointer dog, 8 months old, brown head, white tail, white legs, spotted or mottled, collar marked, F. W. Wellman, 111 Stevens street. Return same and get reward.

A SECOND HAND SPINNER WANTED to do fixing and run a mule. Must understand the Smith and Davis & Furber machinery. A good place for an energetic young man with steady habits. Address Dudley Bosery Mills, Newton Lower Falls, Mass.

TO LET—A tenement of five rooms conveniently located. Apply at John McKeown's, 4, rear of 81 Chapel street.

LOST—In this city, a coupon receipt book belonging to the Singer Mfg. Co. The finder will be rewarded by leaving the same at 157 Middlesex street.

LADIES TO WRITE for us at home. No canvassing. Reply, enclosing stamp, Silver Fern Co., Aurora, Indiana.

TO LET—Sunny five room tenement on Moody street. Enquire at 821 Merrimack street.

TO LET—Very pleasant and sunny rooms newly furnished at 404 Bridge street.

GOOD INVESTMENT.—500 shares stock in active company for sale at 24 per share, must be sold to settle estate. Address post office box 1894, Boston.

FOR SALE—In Centralville, five minutes walk from mills, good cottage house of seven rooms, in good repair. If you are looking for a home this will suit you. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

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ALL LADIES have a few hours leisure each day should write me at once, regarding pleasant home work which easily pays $18 weekly. This is no deception and will certainly pay you to investigate. Reply with stamped envelop. Mrs. S. A. Stebbins, Lawrence, Mich.

WANTED—500 young and old men to bring their old clothes to Fred P. Lew's Dye house and Clothes Cleaning establishment at 471 Merrimack street, where he can make your old suit as good as new for a small sum.

FOR SALE—On Nashua road a good farm of 20 acres, lots of fruit, good two tenement house, good barn. This is a good chance if you want to get you a home. Price $2000. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

LADIES, my monthly regulator has brought happiness to hundreds of anxious women. I have never had a single failure; no other doctor can say this. Longest cases relieved in 2 to 5 days without fail; no pain, no danger, no interference with work; price $2; by mail or at office; consultation free; all letters truthfully answered. DR. TOLMAN, 150 Tremont street, Boston.

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JOSEPH W. LEACH, Room 12, Shedd's Block. Pianist and Teacher of Singing.

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Large sales mean fresher medicine. More Green's Nerura sold at Goodale's Drug Store than any other drug store in town.

THE WEATHER.

Sun rises—6:52; sets, 5:06.
Length of day—10h. 14m.
Moon sets—10:21 p. m.
Full sea—2:15 a. m.; 2:30 p. m.
Forecast for New England: Snow, turning into rain; variable winds, becoming southeasterly and easterly.

LOCAL NEWS.

Always wins, Old Hundred.

T. C. Lee, fire insurance, Donovan bl'd.

Miss Celia Durant of Hanover street is visiting in Haverhill.

Tickets, round trip to Boston, $1.00. A. McQuade, P. O. block.

Miss Cecilia Raymond of Mount Hope street is visiting in Lawrence.

Elegant rubber tired hacks at O'Donnell's, Jefferson street. Telephone 439-4.

George E. Metcalf has been engaged as organist for the Worthen Street M. E. church.

Friends of Walter Clay of Lincoln street presented him a Brussels carpet last evening.

Buy good clean Coal. D. W. Horne & Son, 15 Central street.

A medal has been presented to Captain George D. Kimball for ten years' faithful military service.

If your coal does not suit you, try Mullin, the 101b Gorham street coal dealer. You can get him by telephone connection.

An alphabetical bargain sale of window shades is going on at Kittredge & Co.'s 208 Central street. We announce the "B" bargain in their "oval." Go to them for anything in window shades.

All roads lead to the old postoffice today. A sale of the famous "909" ulster by O'Hearn & Dowd, being the cause and a saving of four dollars and sixty five cents the effect on each purchase. See advertisement on page 5.

Division 1, A. O. H., held a meeting Thursday night and installed the following officers: President, John A. O'Hearn; vice president, John O'Flate; recording secretary, Thomas Miles; financial secretary, James Kelly; assistant, Patrick McGovern; treasurer, Charles Callahan; standing committee, Henry F. Maguire, John F. Tansey, James Lyon; sick committee, John Donohue, John Owens; door keeper, Patrick Killeanny. The society is in excellent condition, having a membership of 200 in good financial standing.

"Zenda Anniversary."

One year ago this month the now popular "Zenda corset" was put upon the market, cut upon an entirely new principle—in fact, a new idea. This great improvement in corsets has proved a grand success. More than 6000 pairs have been sold in the past year at Buttrick's Pattern and Corset Parlors. New styles and designs constantly being added. The ease and comfort and shapely form derived from wearing the "Zenda" is worth double the price of it. They will please you. All corsets and waists fitted free of charge. Prices from $1 up.

Lowell Orchestral Society.

The recital tomorrow afternoon at Odd Fellows' hall will be a most enjoyable occasion, judging by the program below and will undoubtedly test the capacity of the hall. The gifted soprano, Mrs. Helen Winslow Potter of Boston, and Prof. Borjes in a violin solo, in addition to the popular selections by the orchestra ensure an hour of unalloyed pleasure.

Coronation March, from the Opera Folkunger.....Kretschmer
Overture, "Marriage of Figaro"...W. A. Mozart
Aria, "Roberto, o tu che adora," from Roberto Il Diavolo.....Meyerbeer
Mrs. Potter.
Sunrise Gavotte.....Max Horter
Violin solo, "Les Melodies des Alpes.".H. Schener
Mr. Borjes.
Selection, "Il Trovatore.".....Verdi
Song, O Salutaris Hostia.....Gounod
With Violin Obligato by Prof. Borjes.
Mrs. Potter.
"The Passing Regiment".....Rob. Coverley
Suite, a. Idylle / b. Menuett .....Woldemar Bargiel
Admission 25 cents.
Tickets at Ellingwood's, corner of Merrimack and Central streets.

SOME CRISP GOSSIP.

Mrs. Camille Roussin is quite ill at her home in Salem street.

Mr. Benjamin Lenthier, formerly of this city, who now holds a responsible position in Boston, was visiting friends here yesterday.

Mr. George Kelly has recovered from the injuries received while bowling several weeks ago and is around again.

There is a slippery sidewalk in front of the Prescott mills counting rooms on East Merrimack street, and yesterday several ladies received bad falls there.

The snow is being removed from the sides of High street by the city employes.

Several sleigh ride parties are booked for next week if the sleighing only holds out.

It is said that nearly $400 was cleared on the recent minstrel entertainment in aid of the Sacred Heart church. The performance will probably be repeated.

The annual assembly of the Aetna club will be held in Prescott hall next Wednesday evening and will be a nice affair.

Sleighing was not extra fine around the business part of the city yesterday, but on the outskirts it was elegant and some fine turnouts were seen.

It was very quiet around city hall yesterday, especially at the mayor's office, as Mayor Courtney and Private Secretary Hennessy were both in Boston and did not return till evening.

The boys are not doing much coasting this winter. The fact is there are few convenient places to coast.

The announcement of the appointment of Principal Coburn as head of the new Normal school has revived talk about the opening of that institution.

Nashua visitors to this city are not so numerous now as they were a few months ago. The electrics do not bring many passengers across the state line now.

It is dangerous sleighing in Merrimack and Central streets now. It is an easy matter to get a runner caught in a track and you are almost certain to be dumped trying to get out.

Les Miserables bowling alleys and billiard hall now open. East Merrimack street.

Buy Good Tea.

Our advice to the people of Lowell is to buy good tea. There is no cheaper drink; it is cheaper than cold water. A pound of good tea should make 300 cups. Buy our high grade teas. Dickson Bros., 66 Merrimack street.

Dr. Coburn DENTIST 21 MERK ST.

OF ARMOR PLATE

Carnegie's Agent Writes to the Senate.

HE WANTS TO ARBITRATE THE MATTER.

Company Willing to Sell Plant to Government.

Washington, Feb. 6.—The testimony taken before the senate committee on naval affairs, in regard to the cost of armor plate, was made public yesterday. The report shows that General Manager H. C. Frick of the Carnegie Steel company submitted a written proposition, agreeing to leave some of the differences between the company and the United States to arbitration, and that General Superintendent Schwab went even further than the manager. Mr. Frick's letter was dated at New York, Feb. 1, and said, among other things:

"Two items we ask to be left to arbitration, the government appointing one arbitrator, we another, these two a third, a decision of the majority to be final. All these men, of course, to be impartial and acquainted with steel manufacture."

H. C. FRICK.

The items he specified were: First, an annual dividend of 6 per cent on capital stock, for which he contended as just; second, he complained that the sinking fund allowed to cover depreciation is only about 4 per cent of the cost of the plant, which he thinks is too low.

Mr. Schwab's statement of the position of the company on the subject of arbitration was brought out by a question from Senator McMillan. The colloquy on this point was as follows:

Senator McMillan—Is it true that the profits paid by the government have practically paid for all of this plant?

Mr. Schwab—No, sir, it is not true, because the profits have been calculated on a false basis. We cannot show you that without showing you our books. We have refused to show them, for a good many reasons. We cannot show them to anybody, but it is absolutely not true. In no branch of our business do we consider our money as poorly invested as in armor. There is no branch of the business that has given us so much trouble, so much worry, and in which we think we have such a poor outlook as we have in armor. So strongly do we feel on this point that there is nothing which would please us better, and, we are thoroughly in earnest, when we say that we would like for the government to take our plant. We have undoubtedly the best plant in the world.

Senator Smith—At what cost do you suppose?

Mr. Schwab—We will fix the value by arbitration, the value of the plant and the processes and everything. They are all subjects of arbitration and valuation.

Senator Smith—Let me ask whether your plant is so separated from your other works that it could be sold to the government?

Mr. Schwab—It could be. It is divided; it is so situated. We have, perhaps, the best situation in the United States for armor making. We are in the natural gas district, where we have natural gas for fuel. We have $3,000,000 invested in natural gas, and we would supply you with gas at fixed prices, to be determined by arbitration.

Mr. Schwab said that the navy department estimate was about 22½ per cent too low on original material; that the cost of fuel, heating, forging, bending and harveyizing was estimated at only about 30 per cent of what it actually is, and the cost of labor at about 40 per cent.

Mr. Frick, in his letter, said the original cost of the Carnegie armor plant was over $4,000,000, and he advanced the idea that the government could not duplicate it for less than $5,000,000.

President Lindesman of the Bethlehem works took exception to Secretary Herbert's estimate of the profits of the company. He declared that their armor plant, instead of costing only $3,357,000, as estimated by the department, had not cost less than $6,551,000. He said that for the period from 1889 to 1896, both inclusive, the gross receipts of the company were $46,000,000, of which only $6,780,000 was from armor, and added that the dividends of the company never exceeded 12 per cent.

Secretary Herbert's report was sharply attacked by both Mr. Schwab and Mr. Lindesman, and the secretary was given an opportunity to reply. He said that the method of estimates adopted was his own. He complained that both companies had refused to exhibit their books, and said:

"If we had the books, they would show precisely what is the cost of manufacturing a ton of armor. I estimated that cost according to the reports made by officers who were specially charged with observing, so that they might accurately report the price of labor, the price of material, the amount of materials and all that."

The secretary said that, in his opinion, the government could duplicate either the Bethlehem or the Carnegie armor plant for $2,000,000, and he recommended that congress appropriate this amount, to be set aside and used, in case the companies refuse to make reasonable terms. "I think," said he, "that we ought, in all events, to have the power to build, buy or lease a gun plant and an armor plant, for the reason that, although these gentlemen may agree to this rate of $400 per ton, you will remember that a contract for armor contains a great many details."

The secretary then related the difficulties he had encountered in getting a reduction on the price of armor plate on the two ships now building.

"I was contemplating," he said, "advertising for the contractors to furnish the armor and the hull and everything else to build the ships complete. These gentlemen objected. I answered them. We had a long controversy on the subject. Finally, they asked me why it was that I wanted to adopt that plan. 'To tell you the truth,' I said, 'I want to get you gentlemen to compete with each other; and you must bid lower. One of them said that his company would not bid under certain circumstances. I said: 'I do not care whether or not you bid; the other company can manufacture all this armor, but, unless you come down on this article, I tell you I will not make any contract with you. I will simply refuse to make any contract with you, and will report the matter to congress and ask it for a remedy.'

"They then asked me how much reduction I would require. I said: 'As much as you can afford.' They then agreed to submit a proposition. After a few days they did make a proposition, which was substantially the same from both of them, that they would lower rates at least $50 a ton. It ought to be said to their credit that, when the deeds were made, they did come down $59 a ton, so that the contracts for the present ships are at a rate much lower than previous contracts."

IN CONGRESS.

Senator Kenney of Delaware Takes His Seat—Pensions In the House.

Washington, Feb. 6.—The senate yesterday admitted Richard R. Kenney to the Delaware seat vacated many months ago by Mr. Higgins and which since then has been the subject of continuous controversy. This augmented the Democratic number to 40, and for the first time raised the full membership of the senate to its proper quota of 90. It affected no essential change in party strength however, the division being: Republicans, including Independents, 44; Democrats, 40; Populists, 6. Total 90. All opposition to the seating of Mr. Kenney was withdrawn, Republican senators conceding that his credentials from Governor Tunnell, certifying that the regular legislature had chosen him in due form, gave him a prima facie right of admission.

The Nicaragua canal debate proceeded without definite conclusion, Mr. Caffery, (Dem. La.), speaking against the bill. The pension calendar was cleared during the day, about 50 pension bills being passed.

Yesterday was private bill day in the house and the entire day was spent in clearing the calendar of the unfinished business reported from the Friday night sessions. Out of 63 bills, 59 were passed.

The Brooklyn's Injuries.

Philadelphia, Feb. 6.—The work of lightering the cruiser Brooklyn has been completed. Four hundred tons of coal and all the cruiser's ammunition and most of her stores have been removed. As soon as the dock at League island has been prepared, she will be brought up from Marcus Hook. The divers have completed their work of examination, except for four or five feet aft. Captain Cook said yesterday that the divers have found that the only injuries are on the port side. He said: "For a distance of possibly 100 or more feet, one of the plates is punched in, bent and cut. The injury, I believe, is confined to one plate." It is expected she will be docked by Tuesday, at the latest.

Insurance Company In Bad Condition.

Boston, Feb. 6.—Judge Barker has issued a preliminary injunction in the case of the insurance commissioners vs. the Suffolk Mutual Accident association, a casualty company, restraining it from doing business; and also an order of notice upon it, returnable on Friday, to show cause why it should not go into the hands of a receiver. The petition is presented on the ground that the present condition of the company is such that it would be hazardous to the public for it to continue business.

Brewery Reconveyed to Company.

Boston, Feb. 6.—The property of the Springfield brewing company, which has been in the hands of Eldridge B. Anderson, as temporary receiver, since Aug. 28, last, upon a bill in equity brought by one Van Vliet to wind up its affairs, because of financial difficulties, has been reconveyed to the company by a decree of the Suffolk superior court. The company was put on a paying basis by the receiver.

Judge Was Bribed.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Feb. 6.—Judge W. S. Metz of the Fourth judicial court of Wyoming, has tendered his resignation to Governor Richards and it has been accepted. The house had agreed to bring impeachment proceedings against him and the senate had decided to resolve itself into a court for his trial. Metz was charged with having been bribed to allow a fraudulent settlement of a debt of the Sun Dance bank. Metz permitted the bank to transfer worthless marsh land to a minor who was a ward of his court, in liquidation of a debt of $8000.

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C. CHENEY'S DEFY

He Will Not Furnish Mayor Courtney With Information

STREET DEPARTMENT IS A BIG POLITICAL RING

By Which Cheney Hopes to Retain Office.

Mayor Courtney is indignant, and righteously so.

Supt. Cheney openly defies the authority of His Honor, and refuses to respect a courteous request from the chief executive. Never before has the head of the vesture of executive powers in the mayor been so apparent.

For weeks past, prominent citizens, men who desire employment, and old hands who had labored for years in the street department and were laid off to make room for new comers, have besieged Mayor Courtney's office, and recited stories of injustice and mismanagement in the street department. At first the mayor was inclined to believe that the reports he received were exaggerated, and actuated possibly by personal motives, or supposed personal grievances.

Realizing that his obligations and pledges to the people demanded action or at least investigation, he made inquiries, and obtained information which revealed to him a gigantic plot to turn the entire street department into a great political ring, for the futherance of Supt. Cheney's personal ends, and his perpetuation in office.

The scheme was well arranged, well managed, and everyone concerned felt happy. They were happy in what they had, but not contented by any means. Supt. Cheney felt the uncertainty of his position, and realized that his only hope and salvation, rested in the diplomacy of his crafty deputies and his own ability to retain his votes, by making good his promises.

But there always hung over him that fear and fright that the demand might become excessive. Then unable to meet it, —he could see the end.

On the other hand, there were his cohorts—supporting him only for what they got out of him, and forcing him to the very limit, fearing all the time that public opinion might influence a change that would eliminate from public life and municipal office, their benefactor and friend. And that is their condition of mind today.

Mayor Courtney's preliminary steps led him to believe what is firmly settled in the public mind today, that never before has the street department of this city been subjected to the gratification and fulfillment of personal ends, claims and position, as it now is.

The department is under republican rule, too, managed by a man chosen by the republican "reformers" who invaded the city council last year, and a few of whom, including Cheney himself, became famous by their connection with the famous horse deal, for which several of them were afterwards indicted by a grand jury.

Fortified with information of this nature the mayor believing that a verification of his knowledge obtained from outside parties, was advisable before public exposure of the street department was made, officially requested Supt. Cheney, as already stated in The Sun to transmit to him as soon as possible the name of every man hired or discharged in the street department since January 1st, 1897, and the reason for their discharge.

No satisfactory information was received in reply to this request, and a second letter was addressed to Supt. Cheney by the mayor.

Yesterday Supt. Cheney forwarded a list of names of men he had engaged and discharged, but it contained no reasons. Why? Evidently Supt. Cheney fears an expose of his plot, for it is openly stated that these "reasons" in themselves would be an exposure of his methods.

The mayor was not in his office yesterday, but Sec. Hennessy was seen and said:

"I have heard the mayor speak on the matter, and the information Supt. Cheney has sent him is not satisfactory, nor is it what he asked for. It would surprise you to know the people who have called here the past few days to protest against the management of the street department. They complain that Supt. Cheney, in exchange for their votes, has placed positions in the street department at the disposal of members of the city council. And they have availed themselves of his proposition, it seems.

"His Honor is indignant and intends to conduct a thorough investigation. You understand that the new charter explicitly states that a member of the city council shall not, directly or indirectly, seek positions in the city departments, and that heads of departments alone shall engage employes.

"I believe the mayor will make another formal demand on Supt. Cheney for information.

"The reports submitted to this office indicate a surprising condition of affairs, and an unwarrantable effort on Supt. Cheney's part to continue in office."

It is also stated that reports have reached the mayor that men not voters in this city and not even citizens, have been given employment, while men with families were refused an opportunity to provide for the little ones at home.

Should Mayor Courtney commence an investigation and I have not the slightest doubt that he will, he will not lack material to assist him.

There are scores of men who will volunteer information as to the management of this department and the method of obtaining employment, from personal observation and experience.

If the decision in the Bray-Varnum case is in favor of Mr. Bray, I have not the slightest doubt that the first official removed will be Supt. Cheney.

Sleighs at Cost.

Fifty sleighs, for business or pleasure, at manufacturer's prices, are to be sold by H. J. O'Dowd & Co., Mechanics' building, Dutton street. If you want a bargain, now is your chance.

Next Thursday evening the Ladies' Bevolent society of the Trinitarian church will have a supper and entertainment.

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CHURCH NOTES.

At Unity Guild, 118 Church street, tomorrow night at 7 o'clock, the address will be "The Problem of City Government." There will be good music.

Firt Trinitarian church, morning subject: For Christ and the Church; evening: Illustrated Lecture by Rev. Mr. Kennggott on Solomon and His Glory.

REV. FR. RIORDAN

Was Prayed For at Last Night's Services.

The Immaculate Conception congregation last evening offered up prayers for Rev. Fr. Riordan, O. M. I., who, Rev. Fr. Reynolds stated was lying at the point of death in St. John's hospital.

The usual first Friday service was held at the church and the hymns of the office were sung by the large congregation.

Speaking of the intention for the month, the cause of the Venerable de la Colombiere, to whom the league in large measure owes its promulgation, Fr. Reynolds said the cause had the support of the Holy Father, who sought the elevation of the director of Margaret Mary to the altars of the church.

Prayers were read by Rev. Wm. D. Joyce, O. M. I.

BOWLING NEWS.

The Vespers defeated the Highlands last night on the latter's alleys by a score of 2447 to 2407.

In the tournament game last night, the Police team won from the Olympics 2448 to 2283.

The Big Five bowled a good game with the Merrimacks and won 2296 to 2205.

In the Vesper tournament last night, Team Ten defeated Team Seven 2291 to 2082.

Team Five of the Bankers won from Team Six 1744 to 1615.

The Albion Club.

The albion club had a very enjoyable party in Prescott hall last evening and 150 couples joined in the merry dance. Hibbard's orchestra furnished music and the officers were:

General manager, Joseph E. Conlon; assistant general manager, Philip McNulty; door director, John Roark; chief aid, Daniel Guthrie.

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Where Else can you buy for 50c. Ladies' Kid Opera Slippers worth $1.75 and $2.
Where Else can you buy for $2.50 Ladies' Box Calf Polish Boots worth $3.
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THEATRICAL NEWS.

Music Hall.

"Excelsior," the spectacular combination at Music hall tonight is one of the best money-making attractions of the season. The performance opens with a merry comedy called "Excelsior's Trip to Switzerland." It serves to introduce the company in a melange of mirth and music and comedy made further enjoyable by the introduction of many catchy specialities.

It will be repeated this afternoon and evening.

The merriest show on the road comes to the New Music hall next week for three days, beginning with Monday, Feb. 8. This is an excellent reputation for a company to bear, but when one overlooks the roster of Fields & Hanson's Drawing Cards there will be no wonderment expressed at the claim.

Every artist in the roster of the troupe has passed an apprenticeship of many years, earning a reputation of high grade performers. And they furnish an entertainment replete with clean wit, startling novelty, bright humor and quaint comedy. The headline of the show is that eminent singing comedian, Joe Flynn, who has an entirely new budget of "pretty little things" for his admirers. Then there is Mae Rhea who has long held the soubriquet of "The Bowery Girl," together with a long list of celebrites each of which is sure to please.

Savoy Theatre.

The play to be given next week at this theatre is to be Wallock's version of Ouida's great story, "Moths." The story, no doubt, is familiar to many, and this version as dramatized is the standard, and was secured by Mr. Weston in payment of a large royalty for the week. It is his intention to make this the great week of the season, and every preparation has been made to make the presentation a success. Special dresses, beautiful settings and all appointments of the best, together with a great cast will insure this.

Miss Fitz-Allan, resumes her place as leading lady, and will play "Vera," a part in which she will make as decided a success as she did in "The Crust of society."

Mr. Weston has the opposite part of "Correze" and it will receive a masterful presentation in his hands. The company are all included in the cast, and have excellent roles.

Tickets are on sale and are beginning to go rapidly, and a successful week is evidently in store for this popular house.

Camille.

The audience at the Savoy last night occupied every seat and standing room was at a discount. Those who wish to get seats for this afternoon or evening will have to go early as the house is nearly all sold. Miss Stahl reaches her highest achievement in dramatic art in the role of Camille and it is a rare treat to witness her impassioned rendering of the part. She works so hard and enters into the spirit of the role to such an extent that she actually cries on the stage and it is several hours before she recovers from the effect of portraying such intense emotion. This afternoon and evening will see the final performance and Miss Stahl's last appearance. The Lowell public parts with her very reluctantly.

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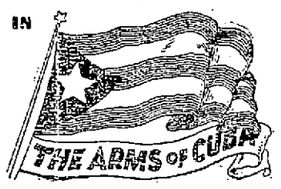

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE.

Whereas George T. Clark and Eliza Clark, by virtue of a mortgage deed dated the twelfth day of April, 1882, and recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds Book 152, Page 68, conveyed to Henry A. Hildreth of Lowell, Massachusetts, in mortgage the following described premises, to wit:

A certain tract of land with buildings thereon situate on the southerly side of West Third street in that part of Lowell, Mass., called Centralville and bounded and described as follows, viz: Beginning at a stone bound on the southerly side of West Third street, which is at a point seventy-two feet five inches easterly from a stone bound placed by city of Lowell, thence in a southwesterly direction along land of the granted eighty-one feet ten inches, more or less, to land of one Morris, now or formerly, thence in a southeasterly direction thirty feet, more or less, to land of one Cawsey, now or formerly, thence in a northeasterly direction along said Cawsey's land eighty-four feet six inches to said West Third street, thence in a northwesterly direction along said West Third street twenty-nine feet ten inches to the point of beginning. A strip of land twelve feet wide on the westerly side of said lot to be forever kept open as a passageway to be used in common for the owner's and abutters' use.

Being the same premises conveyed by deed to us April 12, A. D. 1882, and recorded with Middlesex North District Deeds.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that for breach of the conditions contained in the said mortgage deed and by virtue of the power of sale therein contained, I shall sell the property, lands and premises therein described at public auction on the said premises in said Lowell, Massachusetts, on Saturday, the twenty-seventh day of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven at two (2) o'clock in the afternoon.

MARION E. HILDRETH.

A true copy, attest:
EZRA E. MANSUR,
Constable of Lowell.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
COURT OF INSOLVENCY.

MIDDLESEX, s. s.

The undersigned has been appointed assignee of the estate of Abram Coffin of Lowell, in said county, an insolvent debtor.

The second meeting of the creditors of said debtor will be held at a Court of Insolvency at Lowell on the sixteenth day of March next at ten o'clock in the forenoon; at which meeting creditors may be present and prove their claims.

THOMAS J. ENRIGHT,
Assignee.

Lowell, Feb. 5, 1897.

When Company Comes
unexpectedly the housewife is often puzzled as to what to get for dinner. Then time is doubly precious. If when so caught she only has a package of
NONE SUCH MINCE MEAT
In her pantry she can, in a few minutes, prepare the best of all desserts—good mince pie. Think of it. No peeling, chopping, seeding, picking and mixing. A package of None Such, costing only 10 cts., will make two large pies. Makes perfect Fruit Cake and Fruit Pudding also. Get a package to-day from your grocer. Take no substitute.
Send your address, naming this paper, and we will send you free a book, "Mrs. Popkins' Thanksgiving," by one of the most popular humorous writers of the day.
Merrell-Soule Co., Syracuse, N. Y.

EIRENE LODGE.

Held a Festival in Manchester Unity Hall Last Evening.

The festival of Eirene lodge, I. O. G. T., in Manchester Unity hall, Runels' building, last evening, was largely attended, and a fine program was offered.

Every lodge in this city was represented and the tables were well patronized, the pretty and useful articles finding a ready sale.

Y. M. C. A. Basket Ball.

The Lowell Y. M. C. A. basket ball team was defeated by the Lawrence Y. M. C. A. team last evening by a score of 7 to 6.

The Vesper club was represented at a meeting of bowling clubs at the B. A. A., last evening to organize the League of Social clubs.

GEN. AMES' REPLY

To the Scurrilous Reference to Him

BY GENERAL CURTIS—HE GIVES FACTS

Which May Not be Agreeable to Curtis.

General Ames when interviewed by a reporter yesterday was unwilling to say much of the episode, but had nothing to retract from the statements made in his paper. He gave only the facts and dealt with official reports.

General Ames says: "Curtis knew of the paper and what it contained, if not by his knowledge, he was told by his friends. He came to the dinner prepared for trouble. I am well aware that the public cares nothing for any controversy so far as Curtis and I are concerned. His attitude amuses me.

"Curtis, who would suggest cowardice, only retorted to abuse when he had nothing to say to my recital of the official reports."

Continuing General Ames said: "My paper deals wholly with official reports. I criticise no one, dead or alive. But I do traverse Badeau's so-called history in his life of Grant. It touches Curtis and him only. Curtis did not deny my paper in any particular touching the real point in the controversy. I quoted official reports to show two things, first, that Fort Fisher could not have been taken on the first expedition, and that, consequently, General Butler was unjustly blamed and ridiculed for not taking it; and, second, I make clear who did and who did not do the fighting when it was taken. I rejoice that the interest in Fort Fisher is awakened and my one wish is that the official report be studied in such a way as to make known the true history of that event."

Bowling Challenge Accepted.

The challenge which the Centralville boys have sent to the Flats was cordially received, leaving them at their own convenience to select time and place. Signed James John Rourk, Hugh Barney Conway Michael McCue and Cassidy's Mick.

That Flour Contract.

Purchasing agent Barnard awarded the contract for 150 barrels of flour to F. M. Barney & Co yesterday afternoon. They were the lowest of seven bidders at $4.34.

Belmont Associates.

The annual dinner of the Belmont associates was held in the St. Charles hotel last evening. After dinner the following officers were elected: President, Horace S. Bacon; vice president, Wm. Livingston, secretary, Fred W. Chase.

Any one who suffers from that terrible plague, Itching Piles, will appreciate the immediate relief and permanent cure that come through the use of Doan's Ointment. It never fails.

A. G. POLLARD & CO.
MERRIMACK, PALMER AND MIDDLE STREETS.
MID-WINTER SALE OF REMNANTS
SEAMLESS SHEETINGS
BLEACHED AND UNBLEACHED
We have opened for this sale 15 cases of the bleached and 18 bales of the unbleached of these good double width Sheetings and displayed them in our largest window on Palmer street and will offer them at following low prices giving best values ever sold for best grades of seamless sheetings.
4 Bales of Androscoggin 10-4 Brown Sheeting, 12½c. Yd.

1	Bale	6	"Dwight" Brown	10c. Yd.	3	Cases	4 Dwight Bleached 10c. Yd.
1	"	7	" "	12c. Yd.	1	"	7 " " 12½c. Yd.
2	"	8	" "	14c. Yd.	6	"	9 " " 16c. Yd.
3	"	9	" "	15c. Yd.	5	"	10 " " 17c. Yd.
5	"	10	" "	16c. Yd.	2	"	42x45 inch Pillow Casing 8c. Yd.
2	"	11	" "	16c. Yd.			

We have also opened nine cases of Remnants of O. F. O., bleached, 33 inches wide, perfectly soft finish, standard warp and filling, to sell at 4 cents a yard.
BASEMENT—COTTON COUNTER.
A. G. Pollard & Co.

IT LEADS In news, in style, in enterprise and in general excellence as a newspaper THE SUN leads all its local competitors. That's why it leads all of them in circulation and popularity.

THE LOWELL SUN

THE TEST The true basis for comparing newspaper advertising rates is the price per inch per 1000 copies sold. On this basis THE SUN is the cheapest advertising medium in Lowell.

20TH YEAR. LOWELL, MASS., SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1897. ONE CENT.

SECOND EDITION

The Sun is the only evening penny paper in Lowell printing Telegraphic News.

DEATHS.

ROBIN—Joseph Robin, aged 57 years, died yesterday at his home in Billerica.

MURPHY—Edward S. Murphy, died at 12.15 this morning at his home, 85 Sherman street. Deceased was a brother of Rev. David J. Murphy of Salem, James Murphy, leader of the Lowell Military band, Miss Alice Murphy the milliner, and Miss Nellie Murphy school teacher. The funeral will take place at 10 o'clock Monday morning from the Immaculate Conception church. Friends are requested not to send flowers.

McAULIFFE—Johanna McAuliffe, aged 68 years, died this morning at her home in the rear of 712 Lawrence street. She was a native of Ireland, but had resided in Lowell for many years. Funeral tomorrow afternoon.

FITZGERALD — George Fitzgerald, child of Patrick and Annie Fitzgerald, died last evening at their home, 135 Colburn street. The funeral occurred this afternoon and the remains were interred in the Catholic cemetery.

FUNERAL SERVICES.

CARON—The funeral of Alexis Caron took place yesterday from St. Joseph's church. Rev. Fr. Fournier, O. M. I., conducted service.

The bearers were Messrs. Joseph Gagnon, Albert Caron, Philias Fournier and J. B. Gendron. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery.

McCAFFERY—The funeral of Catherine McCaffery took place from St. Patrick's church this morning and was very largely attended. A requiem high mass was celebrated for the repose of her soul and the choir directed by E. F. Faulkner rendered Schmidts' requiem mass. The pall bearers were Messrs. Thomas Delaney Thomas McCaffery, John F. McCaffery, Michael McCarron, Hugh Herald and Frank McMahon. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery.

Surprisingly Wonderful

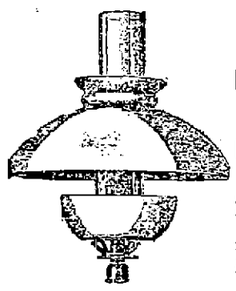
Are the crowds that have been visiting the office of the Mexican Medicine Company 32 Central street thus far this week. The crowds up to last night were far in excess of last week—the largest week in the company's history in Lowell. The one dollar bottles of Zyno are still being sold for 25 cents and samples given free.

See locals on page 5.

J. F. O'DONNELL
UNDERTAKER,
Market, Corner Worthen Street.
Telephone.

PATTEN & ROBERTS
(Successors to Patten & Co.)
FLORISTS
293 Central Street. Telephone.

READING LAMP



The Sunlight Incandescent Gas Lamp

For sale at 37 Shattuck street.

O. J. McKiernan Sole Agent for Lowell.

ONLY $2.25.

NOTICE to gas consumers in general. We are practical gas fitters and do all kinds of gas work. Estimates cheerfully given on Gas Piping, Fixtures, Brackets, etc. Put up by competent men. Now is the time to have your gas fixtures inspected.
O. J. McKIERNAN, 37 Shattuck St.

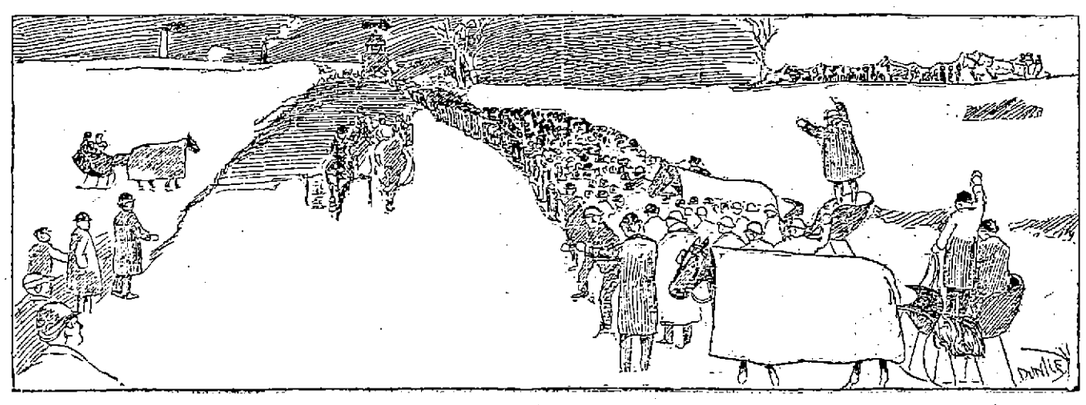
Mark Down Sale

BARGAINS IN SUITINGS AND TROUSERINGS

To close out surplus stock at

Louis Alexander's,
Formerly of Fifth Ave., New York.
Importer and Tailor, No. 65 Central Street.

The Consumers' Brewing Co.'s
EXPORT BEER
Bottled and Steamed at the Brewery.
An Excellent Tonic
For Sale by All Local Dealers.



LOWELL'S SPEEDWAY.

A SCENE LOOKING NORTH—SKETCHED BY THE SUN ARTIST.

ON THE ICE TRACK

Great Gathering of Lowell Horsemen Yesterday.

MONKEY ROLLA WINS WILLIE ROBBS SECOND.

Over 3000 People Enjoyed the Sport.

Monkey Rolla is the king of the ice, as he proved yesterday in the great race for 30 bushels of oats, held under the auspices of "Doc" Evans.

Willie Robbs is a faster horse then Monkey, and there are others just as fast, but not on the ice, for Monkey Rolla is strong on ice tracks and can get away from them all.

A larger crowd than that which witnessed the race was never seen at the river in winter before.

The boulevard from end to end was crowded with turn-outs of all descriptions. A couple of thousand spectators on foot or on skates lined the track.

There were more horse yarns discussed there in five minutes than would fill a book and the principal horse for discussion among the local animals was Ike Watton's beauty, "Willie Robbs," though many noticed that Tom Lennon was driving a new horse, and Frank Harris a strange gelding.

An enjoyable feature of the performance was the excellent action of handsome "Willie Robbs," under the skilful management of "Doc" Evans. Willie showed a marked improvement. And by the way, Willie Robbs is not the only fast one of the Wattons' stable. Steve Wotton was on deck yesterday with "Davy," who is a crackjack, as I know from having rode behind him.

Before the race there were many brushes. One of the prettiest was between Charles H. Talbot's "Elsie Mac" and Dick Murphy's Viking colt, Elsie winning the heat with but little apparent effort.

Then there was a whole barrelful of fun watching the brushes of Harry Wheeler and Phil Larnard, the two going it strong for seven or eight heats, and neither gaining a point on the other.

Ex-Mayor Palmer disappointed a number of horse admirers by coming up with a trotting mare which did not work as well as the pacer he drove a few days ago.

C. I. Hood and his foreman, however, cut quite a figure when they came along with Hood's McGregor" and "Victor Viking," respectively.

Tom Lennon got in the preliminary brushes with his new mare "Helen," but the mare wasn't used to the ice nor did she like it and consequently didn't achieve much success though she did led the bunch a few times.

Sagadehoc, the little black gelding which Frank Harris was driving, behaved beautifully and with a heavy sleigh and two occupants went ahead of the field in a hot brush.

Dan Gorman, driver of Col. Allen, had a fast one there which made quite a hit. J. D. Churchill was there too with "Pedigree," but Pedigree didn't get in the push and consequently the world's record for a half remains unlowered.

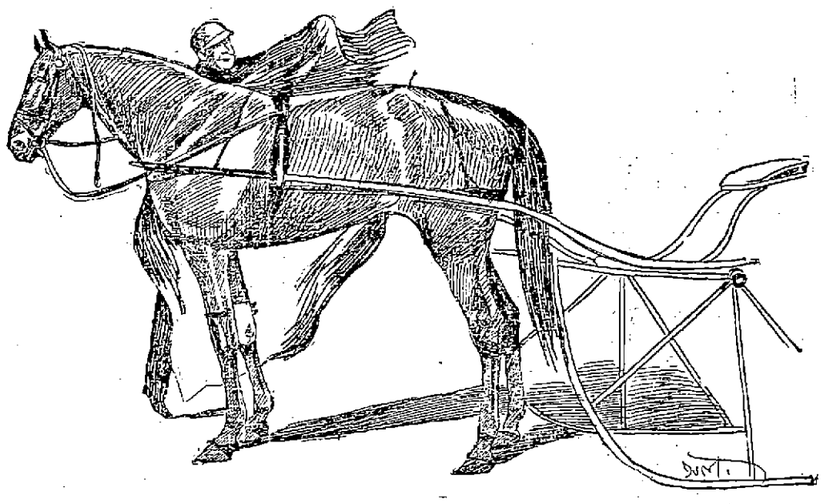
John Cross was present as natural as ever with Lambert Hoy and old Dr. Lawrence with a spirited bay.

Then young Mr. Kingsbury drove "Billy" along in creditable haste, while John Regan pushed the reins behind the old Wilkins' mare which still has some of the fire of bygone days.

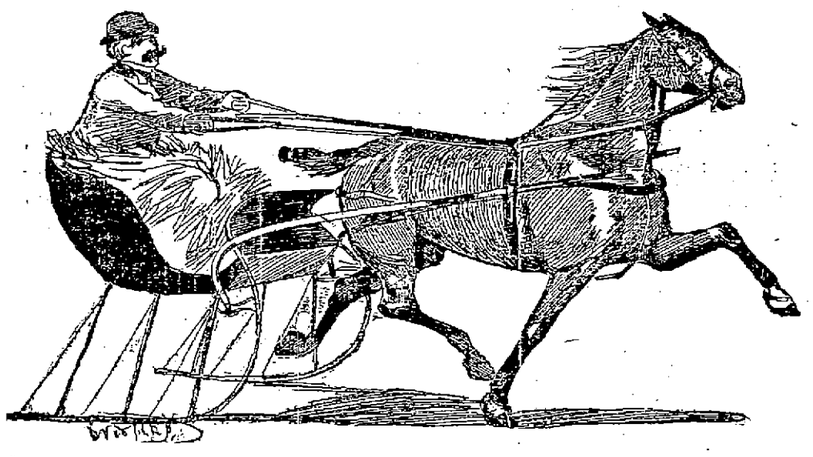
Patsey Lynch, driver Birge Pattee, that is to say with Birge, behind "Jewelry Boy," which is an 18k article.

John Dunfey had his family out in a two seated sleigh and so had Rep. W. H. I. Hayes. Tom McLaughlin had a neat appearing animal as did Harry Clapp.

Ed. Bean made some of them move along when he started his fast one as did Senator Putnam who drove "Alice Patch." Ed. Conant had a beautiful pair of bays on the boulevard the animals not being sharp enough for the ice. J. F. O'Donnell drove a pair of grays in a magnificent sleigh.



MONKEY ROLLA, 2.15 1-2, THE WINNER.



TOM LENNON DRIVING HIS FAST MARE, HELENA.

Dr. Eaton made quite a noise with "Buckshot" and Sheriff Stiles was borne along by a 100 cents on the dollar pacer.

W. A. Ingham enjoyed the fun from his stylish turnout. Edward Hylan moved rapidly behind a chestnut trotter and John Lennon drove "Roan Dick."

A pretty mare and one of which great things are expected is Joseph M. Wilson's "Waterwitch," 2.30 1-2, by Viking Dan and Onorma, which was entered in the race along with Monkey Rolla, Stowaway and Willie Robbs.

The race down on the program was for 30 bushels of oats to be decided, best two heats in three. When the word was given the quartet started away in a bunch and kept together. Monkey Rolla pulled slightly ahead toward the finish while Doc. Evans who was driving Willie Robbs could only get to his sulky runner. Stowaway came in third while Waterwitch broke and came in last.

In the second heat Monkey got first place at the start, and held it, while Waterwitch went along right after him, with Willie third and Stowaway last. The summaries:

Monkey Rolla (Bingham), 1 1.
Willie Robbs (Wotton), 2 3.
Waterwitch (Wilson), 4 3.
Stowaway (Johnson), 3 4.
Starter: Dr. McCann.
Judges: Henry Clapp, George F. Tryder, Hon. C. D. Palmer.
Patrol Judge: Charles R. Talbot.

Take
Care of your health now. Do not allow your blood to remain in that impure condition in which the winter months are sure to leave it. Take a thorough course of Hood's Sarsaparilla and expel those impurities. Otherwise you will be an easy victim of disease.

The Safe Way
Is to begin in season to purify and enrich your blood, before the warmer weather comes. Hood's Sarsaparilla will overcome the languor and weakness which is due to impoverished blood. It will purify your blood, and give nerve, mental and digestive strength.

Hood's
Sarsaparilla
Is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier.

Hood's Pills act easily, promptly and

LATEST

SKILLFUL FORGER

He Swindled Local Jewelers With Checks

AND THEN MADE GOOD HIS ESCAPE.

Goldis and Gage Were the Victims.

A gentleman who is evidently more "fly" than honest, blew into town yesterday and blew out this morning, having "done" it in good style.

He is either an Englishman or a German, about 30 years, and 5 feet 7 inches high, with florid face and sandy hair, and sandy mustache, and he picked out a $75 watch case in Durant and Rogers, which he wanted to pay for with a check, presenting an order from "Jeremiah Clark," certifying that he was all right financially, etc.

Durant and Rogers knew a thing or two and declined the check. Then the stranger went to John Grant's store and picked out another case.

At Gage's jewelry store he purchased an $8 clock and presented a check drawn on the Merchant's band for $18. The check was payable to John Shelly and was drawn by J. Dennis. He received $10 in change and left an order for the delivery of the clock to 4 Broadway not earlier than nine o'clock this morning.

Bright and early this morning he appeared at Goldis' garment store at the corner of Winter street and addressed Goldis in German. He told Goldis that he had worked for the Guarantee Tailoring company until last night when he left his work. He purchased a garment from Goldis valued at $4.50 for which he presented a check for $10, receiving the $5.50 change. That was the last seen or heard of him and he would confer a great favor on the police by sending them his address.

First class job printing at this office.

CUT WITH AN AXE.

Dangerous Accident to a Man While Chopping Wood.

Jeremiah Tessier, who resides at the rear of 591 Market street, met with a peculiar and painful accident this morning.

He was engaged in chopping wood and raised the axe to split a block. The axe struck a clothes line and bounded back, striking him full in the face. A gash extending from the left eye to the lip was caused.

Dr. Ricker sewed up the wound.

Coal that will burn. If you want the best, leave an order with W. E. Livingston, 15 Thorndike street.

ON RUBBERS
Just See How Opportunity Prices EFFECT THEM

WE MENTION SPECIALLY
Ladies' "Marvel" Rubbers, 39c., made of pure gum and solid heels.
Ladies' 10-button Arctic Gaiters, $2.00. Fresh perfect goods; Child's, $1.25.
Ladies' Alaskas, black fleece lined, 50c. Misses Rubbers, spring heel, 17c. Misses' Arctics, spring heel, 75c.
Ladies', Misses' and Children's Rubber Boots at wholesale prices.

WE MENTION ESPECIALLY
Men's "Storm Alaskas," self acting, $1.25. Superb Overshoe, black fleece lined.
Men's 3-buckle Emperor Arctics, $2.00.
Men's Rubber Boots at Wholesale prices.

O'SULLIVAN BROS.
Opposite City Hall.

VOICE OF LABOR

On the Operation of the Textile School.

THE OPINION OF PROMINENT LABOR LEADERS.

Favors Co-operation With the New Institution.

A Sun reporter interviewed President Wm. Buckley of the Central Labor Union on his attitude to the Textile school.

Mr. Buckley is one of the foremost labor men in town and is not only a thinker but

WILLIAM A. BUCKLEY,
President, Central Labor Union.

a forcible talker. He is, moreover, a man whose remarks generally command attention from all.

He said: "When the subject of the establishment of a Textile school was first broached it was taken in charge exclusively by mill agents, who after discussing the feasibility of starting such a school in Lowell, formed a corporation among themselves, admitting, perhaps as a matter of courtesy, the secretary of the board of trade and one business man as trustees. In their discussions prior to the incorporation of the trustees, they sought no opinions from men who do the real mechanical labor—the operatives. And when, too, the trustees were named, there was no representative of the laboring classes among them.

There was but one conclusion and it was accepted as a reasonable one by all laboring men and that was, that the textile school was being organized for the benefit of the sons and daughters of mill magnates, mill bosses, stockholders and the like. Now, the experience of years has taught the laboring man that the mill magnats has nothing in common with him and that what is for the mill magnate is not for the mill operative, and hence when at a meeting of the Central Labor union some time ago, the subject was introduced by a member for discussion, it hadn't a real friend in the organization. I took the floor and argued against it on the ground that it would work to the disadvantage of the workingman's son. But then we were willing to see it in operation before condemning it entirely and if it accomplishes what the projectors propose namely, to benefit our young men, every laboring man in town will be heartily in favor of it. Since I have learned that a large number of operatives are to enter the evening class, I have changed my opinion of it and am now strongly in favor of the textile school."

Michael Dugan.

Michael Dugan, president of the International Cotton Spinners' union, said: "I have read in the Sun where one of the promoters of this school stated that this was the first case in which the owners of the mills were to be benefited by first benefiting the operatives. Now if that be the real intent of the school, I am willing that the institution shall have every opportunity to accomplish its work. We are told that it will benefit us. Why should we not co-operate with the school

MICHAEL DUGAN,
President of the International Cotton Spinners' Union.

until we find out something to prove the contrary. I therefore advise all operatives to avail themselves so far as possible of all the advantages of the school. Let every young man and woman ambitious to rise, enter the school and see whether they can climb the ladder that leads to success." If the school carries out what the trustees have claimed it will, it will have the support of all the labor unions and will do more than anything else to unite employer and employe, mill owner and operative, for their common interest."

Louis W. Weeks.

Louis W. Weeks, president of the Cigarmakers' union, ex-president of the Central Labor union, and district organizer of the American Federation of Labor, when asked what he thought of the Textile school, said:

"I believe in the intention of the school, but not in its practise so far as I have observed it. The construction of the laws governing it, the action of those in charge of it and in fact everything connected with it up to date tend to make laboring

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THE SUN EXTRA 5 O'CLOCK

THIRTY THOUSAND.

People Are Starving to Death in Louisiana.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Shreveport, La., Feb. 6.—Thirty thousand people in this state are starving to death. The state has already expended sixty-five thousand dollars for provisions. The unfruitful season presents a terrible outlook.

SLEIGHING PARTY.

Five Members Badly Injured by a Runaway.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Bangor, Me., Feb. 6—Five members of a sleighing party were injured in a runaway accident last night. Six horses broke away and overturned the sleigh. Misses Ada Bryant, Josephine Palmer, Jennie Roberts, Helen Field. Mr. W. H. Palmer were seriously injured. Dr. Phillips, who was with the party, dressed the wounds.

A Tramp Killed.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Taunton, Mass., Feb. 6.—Alfred Ducharme, a tramp, was instantly killed by a train here while sitting on the track this morning.

Alderman Hooper a Director.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

New York, Feb. 6.—Fifteen of the largest hosiery underwear manufacturers in the country have established a national organization. A. B. Valentine of Bennington was elected president and Alderman George L. Hooper of Lowell is a director.

O'Neil Held For Trial.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Greenfield, Feb. 6.—John O'Neil, Jr., the alleged murderer of Hattie McCloud of Shelburne Falls, has been held for the grand jury without bail.

Was Robbed.

T. D. Sullivan of Nashua, N. H., says he was robbed of $18 by two men in the West End, Boston, last night. Two young men caught him and run him into an alley.

Boys' Short Trousers at these prices don't require much advertising.

16 cents for neat dark mixtures worth 35 cents.

25 cents for double seat trousers worth 50 cents.

50 cents for all wool trousers, double seat and double knees, worth 75 cents.

PUTNAM & SON.
166 Central Street.

Hamilton on Short Time.

The Hamilton mills will run on short time, four days a week, commencing next week.

No Comparison.

No printing establishment in this city compares with The Sun Job Print in its mechanical equipment and the excellence of its work. Did you ever try it?

MONEY
deposited in the savings department of the Traders National Bank before the close of business the third day of any month draws
INTEREST
at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum from the first day of the month in which the deposit is made. The interest on deposits made on or before Wednesday, March 3d, begins March 1st. Interest credited to the account or may be withdrawn on the first of July and January of each year.
Bank opened 8 a. m. to 4 p. m. Saturdays 8 a. m. to 1 p. m., 7 to 9 p. m. Corner of Middlesex street and Post Office avenue.

COOK, TAYLOR & CO.
CENTRAL STREET.

OUR BASEMENT DEPT.
IS LIGHT, PLEASANT AND SPACIOUS
Below Are a Few of the Many Bargains Found in That Department.

Special Low Prices on Cottons
We place on sale today and while they last 50 cases of Fruit of the Loom, Hill, Langdon and Lonsdale, full bleached, 36 inches wide Cottons. These goods are perfect and are worth 10 cents a yard, but we offer them at
6 1-4c. a Yard.

CHAMBRAY GINGHAMS
1000 yards of Fancy Weave Chambray Ginghams, worth 12½ cents
At 6 1-4c. a Yard.
These goods are warranted to be perfect. Remnants of this same quality of Ginghams are sold at 8 cents a yard at the "Remnant Stores."

JUST RECEIVED
Another lot of that extra heavy, full yard wide, extra large lengths, Unbleached Cotton Remnants, worth 7 cents
At 3 1-2c. a Yard.

COTTON DIAPER
We offer you today (not by "order of the court") 1000 pieces 18-inch Cotton Diaper worth 40 cents
At 25c. a Piece.

COMMENCING TODAY WE PLACE ON SALE AT
"Special Bargain Sale Prices"
An immense stock of new things in
LACES
Which have just been bought of a large New York importer at about 50 per cent. under regular prices, because he needed spot cash. Every pattern is new and was selected direct from the rooms by one we consider the best lace buyer in America. Hard times, dull trade and so many
DEFUNCT CONCERNS AND BANKRUPT SALES
here, cause us to put these extra fine goods on sale now at fully one half the price they will bring April 1st. Come in and see them whether you wish to buy or not. We make a special counter of them and each purchaser today and tomorrow gets a present free on $1.00 or above.

Cook, Taylor & Co.

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It seems that all superintendents or heads of departments to be appointed or elected after the 15th inst. must have passed a civil service examination.

Cubans have been offered home rule, but it is probably not such as they will accept. The ruling would be done chiefly by Spanish officials under the scheme proposed.

Mark Hanna seems at present to be a white elephant on the hands of McKinley. Some time ago Mr. McKinley was a mere puppet in the hands of Mark Hanna. We notice, too, that a couple of places in the cabinet are held open pending the disposal of Mr. Hanna to his own satisfaction. It would not surprise anybody if Hanna would be the next postmaster general.

The health authorities of New York have determined to prevent consumptives from spitting in public places. In order to do this they must first identify the consumptives, and then have witnesses to prove by whom the law against expectorating in public has been violated. A similar law prevails in Chicago, and both are supposed to be in the interests of the public health, although they are practically impossible of enforcement.

TENEMENT SANITATION.

The house to house inspection by the health department cannot fail to result eventually in the improvement of the more squalid tenements of our city. At present the conditions of the worst tenements are not nearly so bad as a few years ago, and it is plain that the improvement is bound to be continuous if the present crusade against unsanitary dwellings be kept up. The rear tenements especially are found in need of improvement.

But Lowell is not nearly so bad in this respect as some other cities, notably Boston and New York.

So far as unsanitary dwellings and environment contribute to disease, the board of health has a right to insist on improvements in the interests not only of the inmates but of the general public.

There is a point beyond which the state or municipality may not properly go in the control of actions of minors, but the enforcement of education and decent surroundings would not be in excess of proper authority.

Manufacturers who encourage sweat shops, landlords who plan to receive vast returns from squalid quarters and others not of the tenant class are responsible. They are wealthy and therefore accounted respectable, but they are enemies to society, to civilization and to free government. Commercial practices that foster such conditions are at fault and deserve only condemnation. The forcing down of wages and the forcing up of rents until some who have better inclinations are forced into filth and compelled to associate with those who choose such life of their own will is intolerable. The pursuit of the dollar by those already wealthy is to blame for many wrongs, and of these the tenement house curse is one of the greatest.

GEN. AMES AND GEN. CURTIS.

That was a very exciting episode in which General Curtis arose at a New York dinner to upbraid General Ames his military superior in an attack upon Fort Fisher. General Curtis was a brigadier under Ames, and military men who were present at the battle have never undertaken to claim any great credit for General Curtis on account of his bravery on that occasion. True, he was wounded early in the battle, and taken to the rear, so that he could not very well give an account of what followed during the remainder of the engagement. It is stated on good authority that were the truth told of General Curtis in that battle it would be even more discreditable to him than anything Gen. Ames has said of him. Gen. Ames was in immediate command of the second attack upon Fort Fisher, although Gen. Terry, who had general command, has usually received the credit of taking the stronghold. It is not an uncommon occurrence in military operations for the general in command to be credited with the result of heroism on the part of his subordinates. So it was in the case of Fort Fisher. The credit of subduing that stronghold belongs almost entirely to General Ames, and General Curtis has no ground upon which to claim any part of the honor beyond what belongs to a faltering brigadier.

General Ames read his paper in this city some months ago, and read it in Boston before a large military assembly, and he read it in New York, and no man thought proper to criticise his statements except General Curtis. The name and fame of General Ames place him so far above General Curtis that the former's statements will not be shaken in the least by anything the latter may say. The history of the capture of Fort Fisher has never been justly written, and even in some of our school books it is attributed to General Terry alone, without any mention of General Ames. The New York incident will only serve to bring out the facts, and to add to the lustre of General Ames' military record. General Curtis is to give his version of the battle, but a subordinate, who was not present, cannot very well describe the engagement.

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A TRADE REVIEW

What Bradstreets Says of the Outlook.

CONDITIONS UNCHANGED WITH FLUCTUATING PRICES.

Duns Opinion Hopeful of Improvement.

New York, Feb. 6.—Bradstreet's says: General trade, which was retarded by unfavorable weather a week ago, has recovered somewhat at Chattanooga, Memphis, Birmingham and New Orleans. While the cold weather cut into stocks of heavy goods, it delayed the sale of spring goods. Other relatively favorable trade reports are from St. Paul, Chicago, Minneapolis and St. Louis. At most centers jobbers report business quiet or unchanged, with no prospect for immediate improvement.

The restriction of the production of cotton goods has not strengthened the market or advanced prices yet. The heavy increase in sales of wool, 40,000,000 pounds at Boston alone since Jan. 1, against 24,000,000 pounds last year, is based largely on the expectation of a higher duty on wool. More woolen mills have started up and those which have hit the popular taste in style and fabric are full of present business.

The downward tendency of prices of staples noted during the past two or three weeks is checked in part, there being almost an equal number of the products and commodities usually quoted which are higher or lower or unchanged compared with last week. Among those which have advanced are Havana tobacco, wheat, corn and oats, paper and refined and crude petroleum. Those which are lower include rosin, hides, wheat, flour, pork, lard, coffee and raw sugar. Practically unchanged quotations are recorded for refined sugar, rice, tea, lumber, wool, cotton and print cloths.

January bank clearings aggregate $4,473,529,826, a decrease of 2½ per cent from 1896 and of 4½ per cent from the total for December 1896, but a gain of 2.2 per cent and 10.0 per cent respectively over January 1895 and 1894. New England cities show the only gain among the groups—7 per cent.

The check to the number of business failures reported last week appears again in the total for the current week, 305 throughout the United States as compared with 226 last week, 338 in the first week of February, 1896, 293 in the like week of 1895, 225 in the corresponding period in 1894 and as contrasted with 223 in the first week in February, 1893, three months before the panic.

The wheat movement, United States and Canada, for seven months, shows a net increase of the quantity available of only 7,812,000 bushels, compared with increases in corresponding periods in four previous years of 46,000,000, 60,000,000, 34,000,000 and 78,000,000 bushels, respectively. Wheat stocks in the United States and Canada and afloat for and in Europe, plus Australian and interior Russian supplies, amounted on Jan. 1, to 152,189,000 bushels, nearly 32,000,000 bushels less than on Jan. 1, 1896. During the years 1890 to 1895, inclusive, the world's average January decrease, in available wheat supplies, was about 5,000,000 bushels. Compared with wheat January decline in 1896 of 9,000,000 bushels and that of last month of 10,504,000 bushels, have some significance.

Exports of wheat (flour included as wheat) from both coasts of the United States and from St. John, N. B., this week, amount to 3,168,746 bushels, compared with 2,515,000 bushels last week, 2,907,000 bushels in the week a year ago, 2,620,000 bushels in the week two years ago, 2,678,000 bushels three years ago and as contrasted with 3,941,000 bushels in the like week of 1893. Exports of Indian corn this week show a marked increase, amounting to 3,659,960 bushels as compared with 3,011,000 bushels last week, 3,222,000 bushels in the week a year ago, 927,000 bushels in the week two years ago, 1,424,000 bushels three years ago and as contrasted with 457,000 bushels in the like week of 1893.

Dun's Trade Review.

New York, Feb. 6.—R. G. Dun & Co., in their weekly review of trade, say:

No important change in business appears, but the number of manufacturing establishments starting much exceeds the number of those stopping during the week, and so much that the curtailment of working time in many cotton mills probably does not lessen the aggregate productive force or amount of wages paid. There is a distinct increase in orders for woolen goods, some gain in the silk manufacture, a waiting condition, with gain, in one branch of boots and shoes, and indications of better things coming in the iron and steel manufacture.

To many, it is the most perplexing feature of current events that wheat does not rise much, though it has advanced 1¾ cents for the week. The condition of the market is not explained by any special information, but current prices show that no great confidence is felt in the estimates of supplies available for the rest of the year. Cotton fell to 7¼ cents after the agreement to close Fall River and other print cloth works became known, but recovered the quotation of a week ago—7.31 cents—without further news. Spinners' takings have been so small this year—those of northern mills about 40,000 bales less than in 1894-95—that the admitted narrowness of demand for goods has at present considerable weight. It appears that foreign trade is also somewhat restricted by narrowness of demand.

Sales of wool have been smaller than in other recent weeks, and yet are far in excess of the consumption of all mills for a week, if all were fully employed. A London account states that prices of Australian would have gone lower but for American buying, and rumor credits a single concern with purchases of 15,000,000 pounds Australian, here or abroad. There has been only a slight stiffening in prices, but more foreign wool will be taken and stored, it is believed, if western holders continue to demand higher prices. More important than these indications is a little better demand for heavyweight goods, which had led some of the smaller mills to buy more freely, and thus enable a number to start operations.

It is hard to comprehend the boot and shoe trade at present, for, while recorded shipments from the east are larger than in the same week of any previous year, a good many of the shops have actually closed, although some on women's light goods have called back cutters previously laid off. The price of union sole leather has declined 1 cent, but, in order to stiffen the leather market, tanners have bought hides largely, advancing the price about 1.2 per cent at Chicago.

Prices of Bessemer pig and grey forge at Pittsburg have slightly advanced, with a much more hopeful feeling, notwithstanding the comparative narrowness of the demand for finished products, and in plates and wire and wire nails there is much more business, with good prospects. Reports that 25,000 tons of steel plate and sheet bars have been exported to England are only indications of the temporary excess of supply over demand in this country, and are not supposed to have realized any profit.

Failures for the week have been 311 in the United States, against 323 last year, and 63 in Canada, against 67 last year.

The Wool Market.

Boston, Feb. 6.—The Boston Commercial Bulletin today says of the wool market: The market is a little less active but the sales are still exceptionally large. There is less speculation but more purchasing for actual consumption as the slowly improving demands for woolen goods call for more material. Prices are no lower and, indeed, on ¼ blood and low wools, are distinctly higher than last week. Foreign markets are being ransacked by American dealers and by American mills. English, French and South American markets are all feeling the stimulus. So heavy have the purchases of the larger mills been that there is serious apprehension that the glut of wool, shortly to be increased by the new American clip, will check any marked advance in prices for the present.

The sales of the week are 5,739,000 pound domestic and 2,950,000 pounds foreign, against 8,684,000 pounds domestic and 2,258,000 pounds foreign last week, and 2,655,000 pounds domestic and 1,224,000 pounds foreign for the same week last year.

The sales to date show an increase of 19,896,000 pounds domestic and 4,572,000 pounds foreign from the sales to the same date in 1896.

The receipts to date show an increase of 435 bales domestic and a decrease of 6106 bales foreign.

National Sound Money League.

New York, Feb. 6.—A meeting was held at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday of the New York signers to a paper favoring the organization of a nonpartisan national sound money league. The names of more than 100 men of prominence in financial and business circles of this city appear on the paper. Henry Hentz presided. E. V. Smalley of St. Paul, acting as secretary of the movement, made a report which showed that a considerable number of leading business men, both Republicans and sound money Democrats, in the cities of Boston, Baltimore, Charleston, Galveston, Louisville, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Indianapolis, Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Milwaukee, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Fargo have signed a document identical with that signed in New York. The report also showed that the executive committee of the Pennsylvania Sound Money league have offered to co-operate with the new organization. It was determined at the meeting to call a conference of two delegates from each city represented in the league movement to meet in New York at the Chamber of Commerce on Feb. 24, for the purpose of adopting a constitution and electing officers. The headquarters of the national sound money league are to be in Chicago as soon as its work is formally begun. The general purpose of the league is to carry on educational work during the next four years to influence public opinion in favor of the maintenance of the gold standard and of legislation for currency reform. Marshall Field of Chicago is proposed for the presidency.

MARSHALL FIELD.

Investigating the Sugar Trust.

New York, Feb. 6.—The Lexow trust investigating committee held an interesting session yesterday. The affairs of the sugar trust are being probed. Henry O. Havemeyer and the other officials of the sugar trust were examined. The history of the organization was gone into in detail as was also the amount of capital invested. President Havemeyer stated that the capital stock was $50,000,000, held by 3000 stockholders. The charge that the sugar company had organized a coffee company to punish the Arbuckles for establishing a competing sugar refinery was emphatically denied by Mr. Havemeyer. It was admitted that the trust controlled the sugar market of the United States, by virtue of the fact that it produced 80 per cent of the sugar consumed. Mr. Havemeyer said that trusts or combinations of all the producers in one industry greatly lessened the prices to consumers.

Sullivan Will Settle.

Boston, Feb. 6.—The application of John L. Sullivan, ex-champion pugilist, to take the poor debtor's oath, was discontinued by Judge Brown yesterday. By agreement neither the complainant, a well known florist of this city, nor John L. Sullivan put in an appearance, and it was announced that the claim would be settled without further invoking the aid of the law.

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LABOR TROUBLES APPEAR

STRIKE OF IRON MOULDERS AT CAMBRIDGE.

The Situation in Brockton is Practically Unchanged.

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 6.—The 30 iron molders employed by Barbour, Stockwell & Co., of this place have struck on account of what was virtually a cut down in wages. The strikers claim that the firm desired them to do a certain difficult class of work for which, they claim, only the regular rate of wages would be paid, although on account of the length of time consumed in the work it was impossible for them to aggregate their usual pay. The men claim that this is but the beginning of a strike that may extend throughout all the foundries in Boston and vicinity, and possibly throughout New England, as this grievance exists, though on a minor scale, in all the factories. The trouble has been growing for some time. Notices of the strike have been sent to the different unions in Lynn, Salem and Boston, and a line of pickets has been established around the factory.

At Brockton.

Brockton, Mass., Feb. 6.—The labor troubles in the factory of Chase & Fletcher of this city have been settled by a written agreement between the firm and President Tobin of the Boot and Shoe Workers' union, and the 100 employes returned to work today. The firm will continue the same schedule of prices and in future, if any difficulty arises, that cannot be settled by mutual agreement, it will be referred to the state board of arbitration. There is no change in the situation at Charles A. Eaton & Co.'s factory, and the firm states that on Monday all departments will be filled.

BAY STATE LEGISLATURE

MANY BILLS AND PETITIONS ARE PRESENTED.

The 400 Foot Limit Again in Controversy—Trust Companies are Considered.

Boston, Feb. 6.—That order for an investigation into laws and conduct of military organizations, to determine if any legislation is necessary, and the grounds for reported discontent and lack of discipline in some quarters, passed the house yesterday. Numerous bills and petitions specially concerning Boston were put in, among them a request for the repeal of the 400-foot limit in regard to liquor saloons and schools; an appeal for licensed religious services in the parks. Interesting statements were made in regard to two or three bills making liquor licenses for innholders depend on the number of rooms in the hotel. Comparatively little business was done in reducing the liability of innholders for losses of their guests. Committees reported, among other bills, those fixing capital stock for trust companies, and that to restrict the transportation of liquor into no-license cities and towns. An adverse report was given on the bill providing that license fees in cities shall be paid into the state treasury.

OF STREET RAILWAYS.

Their Growth in Massachusetts in Past Years.

Boston, Feb. 6.—According to the report of the railroad commissioners on street railways, just made public, Massachusetts companies now own 1,093,516 miles of street railway line, 293,229 miles of second main track and 91,502 miles of side track, making the total length of track owned 1,368,247 miles. The increase over the previous year is 202,997 miles. The number of miles actually operated is 1,291,410, an increase of 202,865. There are now 83 companies in the state. The gross assets of the companies on Sept. 30, 1896, were $62,187,775.01. The liabilities were $61,117,713.49. The total income was $14,960,941.93 and the total expenditures were $14,423,012.72. The total amount of cash dividends declared last year was $1,302,846.50, an increase of $196,652. One company paid as high as 10½ per cent.

Mrs. Beecher's End Near.

Stamford, Conn., Feb. 6.—The life of Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher is rapidly drawing to a close. The attending physician states that she cannot live more than a few days longer, and it is the belief that she will not survive today. Messages were sent last evening summoning relatives. Mrs. Beecher has been confined to her room since Dec. 20, when she received a bad fall and broke her hip, and, owing to her advanced years and weakness from a previous fall.

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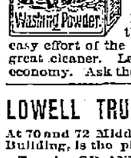

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Arbitration Treaty to Come Up.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Senator Sherman, chairman of the senate committee on foreign relations, has given notice that he will ask the senate to go into executive session Monday, immediately after the disposal of the routine morning business, for the purpose of taking up the arbitration treaty. Opposition is expected from friends of other measures.

Senor Andrade, accompanied by Secretary Olney, called on President Cleveland, bearing a testimonial from the governor and people of the state of Seulia, Venezuela, in recognition of the good offices of the president and Secretary Olney in the matter of the boundary dispute. The testimonial consisted of a rosette, composed of 172 samples of rare woods from the forests of Seulia, and a cane made of 125 pieces of these woods.

Senator Chandler has favorably reported a bill from the committee on postoffices and post roads, the house bill providing for free delivery of mail in towns where free delivery is not established by law, carriers to be paid by the persons who want the service.

The American Forestry association is holding its annual session in this city. The association, which was organized in Cincinnati in 1882, was incorporated in this city yesterday. General Francis H. Appleton of Boston, president of the Massachusetts Horticultural society and of the New England Agricultural society, was elected president.

Portland's New Armory.

Portland, Me., Feb. 6.—The formal opening of the handsome new armory, built at a cost of $50,000, by the city of Portland, for the four companies of the national guard here, took place last night. A review of the battalion under the command of Major Collins was held, and Major Baxter, Adjutant General Seldon Connors and Colonel Kendall acted as the reviewing officers. The ceremony was witnessed by a crowd of 5000. The event marks an epoch in the history of the state of Maine.

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For Lawrence, 5.30, 9.25, 10.50 a. m.; 12.03, 2.30, 3.40, 4.05, 5.10, 6.15, 7.00, 9.30, †11.25 p.m. SUNDAYS, 8.15 a. m., 12.05, 5.30, 7.25 p. m.

For Haverhill, 5.30, 6.50, 8.30, 9.25 a. m.; 12.03, 2.30, 3.40, 4.05, 5.10, 6.15, 7.00, 9.30, †11.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.15 a. m., 12.05, 5.30, 7.25 p. m.

For Salem and Lynn, 12.05, 5.10 p. m.

For Newburyport and Amesbury, 6.30 a. m. 12.05, 2.30, 4.05, 6.15 p. m.

For Exeter and Dover, 6.50, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.40, 4.05, 5.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 6.30 p.m.

For Rochester and Alton Bay, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 4.05 p. m.

For Somersworth, N. H., Salmon Falls, Saco, Old Orchard and Portland, 8.30, 8.30 a.m.; 12.05, 4.05, 5.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.30 p. m.

For Augusta, Bath, Waterville, 8.30 a.m.; 12.05, 5.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.30 p. m.

For Lewiston, 8.30 a. m; 12.05, 5.10 p. m.

For Bangor, Belfast, and way stations, 8.30 a. m., 5.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Skowhegan and Rockland, 8.30 a. m.

For St. John, N. B., Halifax, N. S., and the Provinces, 5.10 p. m., except Saturday. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Montreal and Quebec, 8.30. a. m., 5.10 p. m. (5.10 doesnot run Saturdays); SUNDAY, 5.30 p. m.

For Eastport and St. John (per steamer), on Mondays, 12.05 p. m.

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For Woburn, 6.30, 7.01, 7.33, 7.53, 11.00 a.m.; 1.40, 4.28, p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.45 a. m., 4.28, 5.53 p. m.

*Express. †Via Bedford.

For Lawrence, 6.30, 10.00 a. m; 4.15 p. m.

For Salem, and Way Stations, 7.33 a. m.; 1.28, 5.53 p. m.

For Ayer Junction, and Way Stations, 7.10 a. m.; 12.03, 5.00 and 5.42 p. m. SUNDAYS 2.15 p. m.

For Amherst, Milford and Wilton, 9.13 a. m.; 1.00, 3.43, 6.40 p. m. SUNDAYS 2 p. m.

For Greenfield, Peterboro', Hillsboro' and Keene, 9.13 a. m. and 3.43 p. m. SUNDAYS, to Greenfield, 7.00 p. m.

For Nashua, Manchester and Concord, 7.40 9.13, 9.40, 10.00 a. m; 12.00, 1.00, 1.40, 3.43, 5.40, 6.17, 8.13, 8.40 p. m. SUNDAYS 10.00 a. m. (to Nashua only) 3.08 a.m., 2.00, 6.02, 8.12, 8.40 p.m.

For Franklin, Lebanon and White River Junction, 9.13, 9.40 a. m; 12.00, 1.40 (to Franklin only), 6.40, 8.13 p. m.

For Warner, Bradford, Sunapee, Newport, (N. H.), Claremont and Claremont Junction—7.40, 9.13 a. m; 1.40 p. m.

For St. Johnsbury and Lyndonville via Wells River—9.40 a.m; 1.40, 8.40 p. m.

For Montpelier, Montreal, Essex Junction, Burlington and St. Albans, via Central Vermont line—9.40 a. m.; 12.00, 8.13 p. m.

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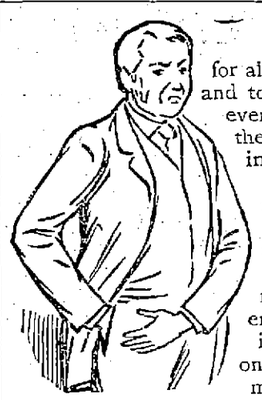

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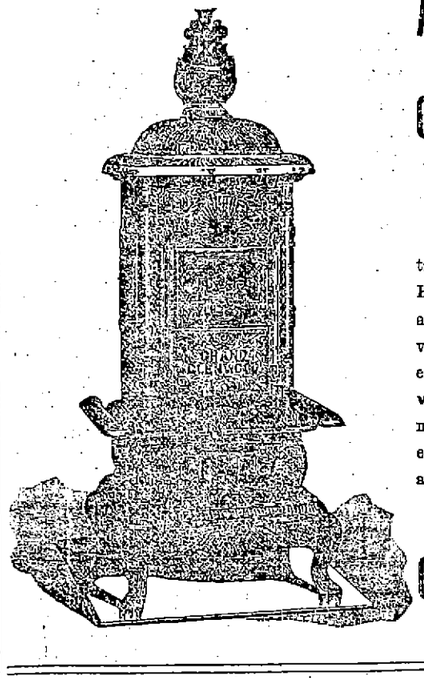

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CUBAN REFORMS

Scheme of Home Rule Signed by Queen.

FULL TEXT OF THE OFFICIAL DECREE.

A Council of Administration To Be Formed.

Madrid, Feb. 6.—The Cuban reform scheme, as prepared by Senor Canovas, passed by the cortes and signed by the queen regent, is published today in the official gazette. Following is a full extract of the decree without the preamble:

MARIA CHRISTINA, QUEEN REGENT OF SPAIN.

Article 1. The laws of March 15, 1895, will be exemplified, in accordance with the following rules, which will be developed in by-laws:

Rule 1. The municipalities and assemblies of the six provinces of the island of Cuba (Pinar Del Rio, Havana, Matanzas, Santa Clara, Puerto Principe and Santiago De Cuba) will enjoy all the liberties compatible with the laws and the respect of individual rights.

The assemblies will have the right to elect their presidents. In each assembly there will be an executive committee elected by the assembly every six months, and its president will be elected by said committee. The mayors and deputy mayors will be elected by the municipalities from amongst the members. They will exercise, without limitation, the active functions of the municipal administration as executors of the decisions of the municipalities.

The provincial authorities will have the right to suspend the decision of the municipalities when they go beyond the limits of the municipal rights, but, in this case, the municipalities will have the right of appeal to the highest court of the province.

The provincial assemblies will have large powers in matters of taxes, in accordance with the general and local system of taxation.

The appropriations for the provinces and municipalities will be separately made.

The organization of establishments of public instruction in the provinces will correspond to the provisional assemblies, and in the towns and cities to the municipalities.

The governor general and the civil governors of the provinces will only have the right of intervention in matters of public instruction, to assure the fulfilment of the general laws, and compatibility of the municipal and provincial appropriations with the expenses of those establishments.

Rule 2. The council of administration of the island will be composed of 35 councillors; 21 of them will be elected directly by the people, with the same conditions and census that elects the provincial assemblies and the municipalities, according to the rule established in Article 3 of the law of March 15, 1895. Nine will be as follows: The president of the University of Havana, the president of the chamber of commerce of Havana, the president of the Economical Societies of the Friends of the Country of Havana, the president of the Planters' association, the president of the Tobacco Manufacturers' union, one member representing the chapters of the cathedrals of Havana and of Santiago De Cuba, one representing all the trades associations of Havana; two designated among the taxpayers of the province of Havana.

The other five will be senators or representatives to the cortes, who have been elected by the island of Cuba in a greater number of elections.

The governor general will be honorary president of the council, and the actual president will be nominated by the governor general from among the members of the council.

The members of the cortes, during their term, cannot be councillors of administration.

In order to be elected councillor, it is necessary to have the same qualifications as are required to be a deputy to the cortes, and it is necessary to have resided two years in the island.

The appointment of the officers and clerks of the council will be vested exclusively in said council.

The council will elect, every six months, committees, each of them composed of five members, for the transaction of business and the drafting of resolutions.

Rule 3. The cortes will determine the amount of expenses of sovereignty (imperial expenses), and will determine the total of the budget. To meet that amount the council of administration will accord every year the taxes and revenues necessary to supply the expenses approved by the cortes. Only in the case of the council of administration not having approved and voted by the 1st of July, the taxes and revenues necessary to meet the budget, approved by the cortes, the governor general will decree them, with the advice of the intendente.

The council of administration will frame and approve the local budget and the resources for the expenses.

Educational institutions to qualify for governmental expenses, excepting for those of the army and navy, will correspond in organization to the council of administration.

Rule 4. Attributes of the council of administration as regards the customs tariff will be as follows:

First—It will fix all rules for the application of the customs duties.

Second—It will decide what is most convenient regarding taxes on exports.

Third—It will fix or modify the fiscal duties for revenue on importations in the island.

Fourth—It is to be heard in an advisory manner regarding the rules, classifications and schedule of duties.

These rights will have the following limitations:

First—National products directly imported to Cuba will enjoy indispensable protection, taking into consideration that the taxes on foreign products will be for revenue only.

Second—Taxes for revenue established by the council of administration will be applied alike to foreign and to national products.

Third—Taxes on exports will be equally levied and will not be differential, but it will be possible to except from these rules the direct exports to Spain for home consumption.

Fourth—No prohibition on exports will be imposed upon products directly exported for home consumption in Spain.

The customs tariff will have the following form:

It will consist of two columns; one for revenue only, equally applied and in the same proportion to foreign and home products, and the other column will consist of differential duties imposed on all foreign products and where there will be a margin of protection for the national industry, with a maximum that the cortes will establish.

The government will fix for the first time the articles of the tariff which will make up the differential columns. The taxes will not exceed 20 per cent of the value of the article.

The government will decree a revision of the official valuation of merchandise after hearing all those interested pro and con.

The immediate realization of all the conditions established in these rules being impossible, the minister of the colonies, in accordance with the law of the 28th of June, 1895, will publish a provisional tariff on these lines, in order to avoid delay in the reform of the tariff laws.

The commercial treaties and conventions affecting the tariff of Cuba will be special. In order to establish reciprocity, there will not be in them the most favored nation clause, or its equivalent.

The council of administration will be consulted over the advisability of negotiating commercial treaties and conventions, which it is the intention of the government to negotiate, and this will be done before the final drafting of the treaty and its presentation for the approval of the cortes.

Rule 5. Refers to the powers of the governor general to appoint employes in the offices of the general government and in the offices of the civil governors of the provinces.

Rule 6. Refers to the secretariat of the general government, to the powers of the intendente (head of the treasury), comptroller, director of local administration, names the clerks in their offices.

Rule 7. Refers to the appointment of governmental employes by the governor general, who must be Cuban born or peninsulars, who have resided at least two years in the island. These appointments will be made with the advice and consent of the council of administration and with regard to the legal and proper qualification of the nominees.

From this rule are only excepted the secretary general, intendente, comptroller, director of local administration, director of postal and telegraph service and the civil governors of the six provinces.

The governor general will be authorized to name delegates in the municipalities to exercise executive functions, but in no case will be allowed to interfere with the proper functions of the mayors of the municipalities.

Rule 8. Refers to the members of the judiciary, who will be only appointed among Cuban born or from persons having resided two years in the island. The municipal judges (justices of the peace) will be appointed by election by the members of the municipalities, supplemented by a number of electors chosen by the people.

Rule 9. The council of administration will respect the actual pending contracts, and at the expiration of the same will have the right to accept or repeal them. The council will also have the power of enforcing in the island the treasury laws of the peninsula and of entering into a contract with the Bank of Cuba.

A special decree, which will be submitted to the cortes, will contain the rules for the maintenance of public order, and the repression of cessionist movements.

Art. 2. The government will embody in a single decree the present rules and those of the laws of May, 1895, developing both in bylaws, which shall not change the strict sense of the present decree.

Art. 3. Disposes that the above-mentioned rules will apply also to Puerto Rico.

Art. 4. The date for the application to Cuba of the law of 1895 and the present decree to Cuba and Porto Rico will be fixed by the government as soon as the state of the war will permit it.

Olney's Offer From Harvard.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Secretary Olney has received from President Eliot of Harvard university an invitation to fill

SECRETARY OLNEY.

the chair of international law at that institution after the expiration of his term of office in the state department. The secretary has taken the offer under consideration.

Old "Alec" Gilchrist Dead.

Philadelphia, Feb. 6.—Old "Alec" Gilchrist, the Union league's veteran doorkeeper, and who knew and was known by nearly every leading public man in the United States for the past 25 years, died yesterday. For over 25 years "Alec" has stood guard at the entrance to the famous clubhouse, which dined and entertained the most distinguished men of this as well as other countries. In that time "Alec" formed the personal acquaintance of most of them, and there was never a time any of the number came into the clubhouse that "Alec" was not greeted cordially. Blaine, Garfield, Harrison and Generals Grant, Sherman and Sheridan were among his best friends. He was an especial favorite of Sherman's, having served with him through the war.

Don't Like Washburn's Plan.

Lynn, Mass., Feb. 6.—The People's party members of this city, at a meeting last night, decided that they did not like the idea of party policy contained in a recent letter by George F. Washburn of Boston, a member of the national committee of the People's party. Accordingly, resolutions were adopted which favored the uniting of all parties which indorsed Mr. Bryan in the recent campaign into the People's party. Mr. Washburn's plan was for the independence of the People's party.

Hanna Still Silent.

Canton, O., Feb. 6.—Chairman Hanna held a long conference with Major McKinley yesterday, but refused to speak of the subjects discussed. It is generally believed in Ohio that Hanna will succeed Sherman in the senate, notwithstanding reports that Governor Bushnell will appoint Lieutenant Governor Jones.

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WOMAN LAWYER

Mrs. Ricker of Dover, N. H., a Candidate

FOR MINISTER TO SUCCEED THE HON. LUTHER McKINLEY.

Wants Women Recognized in Diplomatic Service.

Boston, Feb. 6.—The Traveler says: The Traveler is enabled to state authoritatively that Marilla M. Ricker, the well-known lawyer of Washington and of Dover, N. H., is a candidate for the office of envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the United States of Colombia, which position is now filled by Hon. Luther McKinney of Manchester, N. H.

For some time, Mrs. Ricker, who believes firmly in the right of woman to interest herself in political and legal affairs, has been quietly getting her bearings on the office, and has collected a goodly array of strong recommendations from influential men in New Hampshire and elsewhere, who fully and freely admit she is perfectly fitted to represent Uncle Sam in the capital of the South American republic. Her petition has already been sent to the president-elect.

Mrs. Ricker has declared her determination to leave no stone unturned in her quest for ambassadorial honors. "I ask for the place," she said, "because I think the time has come when woman should be recognized in the diplomatic service. I am not oversanguine of getting the appointment, of course, but I am going to be heard in the matter, and the world shall know that one woman, at least, has courage enough to undertake a line of work hitherto the exclusive prerogative of men."

Mrs. Ricker has a reputation all over the country as a lawyer of great ability. She was admitted to the supreme court of the District of Columbia in 1882, standing at the head of her class, in which there were 18 men. She was appointed United States commissioner and examiner in chancery by the supreme court of the District in 1885 and was admitted to practice before the supreme court of the United States at Washington in 1891. She opened the New Hampshire bar to women in June, 1890.

As to her political activity, it is only necessary to say that she was the first woman in the country who tried to vote. In March, 1870, she went before the selectmen of Dover, N. H., and asked to have her name put on the checklist. She went to the polls three days later and offered the straight Republican ticket. She has done much political work in New Hampshire, Iowa, California and Massachusetts. At Marshalltown, Ia., during the campaign of 1892, she organized a woman's Republican club. Her work throughout New Hampshire in the campaigns of '88, '92 and '96 is well known.

Republican Banquet.

Boston, Feb. 6.—The Marketmen's Republican club celebrated its 10th anniversary at the Quincy House last night. No banquet in the history of the club has been so largely attended, nearly 250 sitting down to dinner. If Colonel William M. Olin, secretary of the commonwealth, had been present, he would have learned something about public sentiment in respect to the passage of the bill now before the legislature to provide for voting a straight party ticket. That measure was roundly denounced by several speakers, to the expressed delight of the entire gathering. Rev. A. A. Berle made a tart speech in pointing out Republican shortcomings. He called the new insurance commissioner of New York "a notorious scoundrel," and denounced Governor Black for appointing him. The speakers of the evening were Governor Wolcott, Speaker Bates, Colonel H. A. Thomas, Rev. A. A. Berle, Representative George A. Brown of Everett, Rev. C. W. Biddle, General Curtis Guild, Jr., and ex-Mayor Thomas N. Hart.

Massachusetts Legislature.

Boston, Feb. 6.—That order for an investigation into laws and conduct of military organizations, to determine if any legislation is necessary, and the grounds for reported discontent and lack of discipline in some quarters, passed the house yesterday. Numerous bills and petitions specially concerning Boston were put in, among them a request for the repeal of the 400-foot limit in regard to liquor saloons and schools; an appeal for licensed religious services in the parks. Interesting statements were made in regard to two or three bills making liquor licenses for innholders depend on the number of rooms in the hotel. Comparatively little business was done in reducing the liability of innholders for losses of their guests. Committees reported, among other bills, those fixing capital stock for trust companies, and that to restrict the transportation of liquor into no-license cities and towns. An adverse report was given on the bill providing that license fees in cities shall be paid into the state treasury.

The Pope's Illness.

London, Feb. 6.—The Daily News has received the following from its correspondent at Rome: Despite statements to the contrary, I am informed that the pope was yesterday found unconscious in his chair and was only revived by inhaling ether. The attack is the gravest which he has suffered during the past two years, and it is attributed to increasing cerebral anaemia.

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AWFUL MASSACRE

Of Christians in the Island of Crete.

MUSSELMEN SET FIRE TO THE WHOLE TOWN.

Greece Sends Warships to Quell the Outbreak.

Athens, Feb. 6.—Three-fourths of the Christian quarters in the city of Canea have been burned to the ground, according to late advices received from the island of Crete. The Christians, while trying to escape to the warships, were attacked by the Mussulman population, and many were killed and injured. The total number of victims, as a result of the recent fighting, is estimated at 360.

It is reported that a large number of women and children have already been landed on the island of Milo by an Italian cruiser. The men, in most instances, remained at Crete. They barricaded their houses and made other preparations for the approaching struggle.

Advices received from Crete are to the effect that the trouble at Canea originated in the unfounded report that the Mussulmans had killed 27 Christian sentinels at Akrostri. When this report was received, the vali ordered the troops to proceed to the defense of the Christian villages. The troops were attacked, and it is reported that 20 persons were killed. Several villages were destroyed by fire. Canea itself is in a state of complete revolt. The Mussulmans, it is claimed, instituted the attacks upon the Christians and commenced the discharge of firearms. A considerable number of persons perished in the conflict. Finally, it was observed, the soldiers themselves fired from the ramparts on the heads of the Christians. The Mussulmans set fire to the quarters occupied by the Christians, and the flames were visible from the warships of the powers anchored in the harbor. The flames appeared to be spreading in the direction of the palace of the archbishop and the Greek schools. The commanders of the Italian and French gunboats attempted to stop the fighting and landed small detachments of soldiers for the purpose of protecting the telegraph offices. The Christians at Halepa sought the refuge at the offices of the foreign consuls, and on board the gunboats.

Chief Moore Has the Grippe.

Milwaukee, Feb. 6.—William L. Moore, chief of the weather bureau, will shortly return to Milwaukee for an indefinite period, on account of impaired health. He has recently suffered a somewhat severe attack of the grippe, from which he finds recovery extremely slow. It is stated that his physician and friends have recommended a change of climate for a time.

Harvard-Yale Debate.

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 6.—The question for the Harvard-Yale debate has finally been selected by the committee on intercollegiate debating. It is as follows: "Resolved, That the United States should adopt definitely the single gold standard, and should decline to enter a bimetallic league, even if Great Britain, France and Germany should be willing to enter such a league." Yale will have the choice of side, and will make her decision within two weeks. The first trial debate to select the Harvard speakers will be held on Feb. 19.

O'Neil's Hearing.

Greenfield, Mass., Feb. 6.—The evidence put in by the state in the hearing yesterday against John O'Neil, Jr., who is charged with killing Mrs. Hattie E. McCloud, did but little to solve the greatest mystery western Massachusetts has known for many years. It showed that in some peculiar manner the accused became possessed of a sum of money varying from $15 to $17, but it was not indicated that that money came from Mrs. Hattie McCloud, or that it was ever in her possession.

African Missionary Dead.

Philadelphia, Feb. 6.—Information has been received at the office of the Philadelphia Missionary council of the death of Rev. P. C. Scott of Brooklyn, founder and director of the African Inland mission, at Nzawi, in British East Africa, on Dec. 4 last. He was 29 years old. The cause of Mr. Scott's death is not known.

Revenue Receipts For January.

Portsmouth, N. H., Feb. 6.—The internal revenue receipts for the district comprising the states of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont for the month of January, as given by Collector Page, amount to $19,025.96, a falling off of $10,441.25 from the corresponding month of last year.

Reception.

Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Favor of Tenth street gave a delightful reception musicale at the studio of Mr. Edward Everett Adams last evening, in honor of their daughters.

There were 40 guests, and the program was given by Miss Carrie Estelle Favor, soprano; and Miss Edith Augusta Favor, recitationist; Mr. Adams, tenor; and Mr. Lavern H. Harrington, violinist. Mrs. Harrington was the accompanist.

Pleasant Birthday Gathering.

A party of the friends of Mrs. Margaret Gothard visited her at her home on Market street last evening to tender congratulations and good wishes on the occasion of her birthday anniversary, presenting incidentally several little tokens of remembrance.

Mrs. Gothard was assisted in receiving by her daughters, and the evening was delightfully whiled away with music and refreshments.

Ward Nine Democrats.

The Ward nine democrats have appointed the following committee to advocate caucus reforms before the legislature: L. J. Cummings, John Meehan, T. P. Boulger, F. B. Dow, John E. Drury, P. J. O'Brien.

A New Clerk.

Harry E. Murray has severed his connection with the office of Purchasing Agent Barnard and he is succeeded by Charles H. Lane who passed the recent examination.

When you need printing remember The Sun.

THE VOICE OF LABOR.

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men oppose it, proves by the manner in which it is progressing that it is not for the working man. Of course there will be some poor people fortunate enough to gain admittance to the school; but I believe the Lowell Textile school is similiar to the West Point academy in that it takes money, position and pull to get any benefit out of it. Is there a man in touch with the laboring classes on its board of trustees? Was there such a man at its opening exercises as a guest?

Why, they even neglected to invite the city council of Lowell which appropriated $25,000 toward the school to the opening exercises. Those in charge of the school did not want plain city councilmen as guests at their opening. They preferred moneyed men, men with influence, mill owners. Nothing that has been done by the textile school or its projectors up to date would tend to prove that the school is established in the interest and for the benefit of the workingman. Of course we could hardly expect to have it exclusively for ourselves but if the mill operatives be allowed to share in its advantages on an equality with the sons and daughters of the projectors, then we shall be well satisfied and we shall be only too glad to join the mill owners in working for our common benefit and for the advancement of the textile art in New England.

The Textile School.

The new textile school is rapidly growing into popular favor and very soon the time can be foreseen when it will outgrow its present quarters in the Parker block.

But the projectors of the school are shrewd men and already it is said preliminary arrangements are under way for the erection of a new school building when needed and the site is already selected.

At present it has been necessary to engage extra assistance owing to the large number of applicants at the opening. There are now 15 day pupils 10 of whom are from this city one being the son of a mill agent and the others from Fall River, Boston, New Bedford and Waltham. There were but few female applicants, the fair sex evidently preferring to wait until the school has run along successfully for some time.

The day classes, however, will not compare with those of the evening when the latter get in operation nor are they as important for upon the success of the evening classes depends principally the success of the school. The main purpose of the school ostensibly is to educate the children of mill operatives and unless a large number such classes are benefited the work of the school will have gone for naught.

Professor Brooks, the superintendent of the textile school estimates that the evening classes will be many times larger than those of the day.

An examination of applicants for the evening classes was held recently and it was taken by 125 people about 100 of whom were operatives, hack boys, spinners, weavers, second hands, etc. There was one mill superintendent among them. The questions put to them were such that nearly everyone who took the examination passed successfully. A High school teacher assisted at it. The evening classes will open on the 15th and the cotton spinning class will be the largest. Then many others have signified their intention of entering later being loath to be the first to try the school.

Mr. Alden Taplin of Lawrence has been appointed to the position of power loom instructor. Mr. Taplin is a loom fixer both in theory and practice, and is the inventor of several improved weaving machines.

With all connected with the school the unanimous opinion is that the Lowell Textile school is bound to be a grand success.

With the public, however, opinions differ, and there are many employed as bosses in some of the mills who if they cared to express their opinions in print would be found among those who believe that the Textile school will be of no great assistance to the working man or his son.

For instance an overseer stated not long ago that he couldn't see what benefit the textile school would be to a poor boy for, he said, it mattered not how good a textile education a poor boy had he could not get a good job, if any friend of the powers that be should come along and ask for it.

The impression, it is said, is prevalent among the operatives themselves.

AT ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL

THE PUPILS WHO OBTAINED HIGHEST RANK

In the Semi-Annual Examination Just Closed—The Roll of Honor.

The semi-annual examination at St. Patrick's Boys' school has been completed and the pupils who have obtained honorable mention are:

First class—Joseph Kearney, William Kiernan, John Kelty, William Meagher.

Section B—John Leary, Wm. Manning, John Conley, Timothy Rohan, Steven Kelty, Thomas Mulligan, J. Queenan.

Second class—Wm. Giblin, Frank Riley, Thomas Golden, Wm. McDonald, John Flaherty, Michael Healey, William Barry, Joseph Donovan, Daniel Cummings.

Section B—Frank Cassidy, Edward Jennings, James Rice, Peter Egan, John Sullivan, Joseph McCluskey, Cornelius Cronin, Henry McCluskey.

Eighth grade, 3d class—Steven Kearney, Thomas Reynolds, Jeremiah Sullivan, David O'Brien, Francis Nealand, James Mullaney, Patrick Begley, John Flynn, Michael Maloney, Patrick Lyons, James Morris, Patrick Conlon, James O'Keefe, James Brown, Wm. Crowley, Edward McCormack, Francis Murphy, Francis Curran, George McGovern.

Sixth class—Simon Riley, Joseph O'Brien, Albert Curtis, John Martin, James Kelly, Michael Giblin, Wm. Oswald, Chas. Archibald, Wm. Dunfey, Geo. Lynch, John Fitzgerald, Thomas Boyle, Francis Murphy, James Devine, Edward Curry.

Seventh class—William Dacey, Edward McDonald, Terrence Mitchell, John Maloney, Michael Fleming, Michael O'Neil, Cornelius Hurley, Michael Flynn, Daniel Garvey, Patrick Delmore.

Police Court—Hadley, J.

Thirteen drunks, but not so unlucky as some who have been there, were in durance vile this morning. None was sentenced, the $1 fine predominating.

Charles Richer will be $15 poorer before the court gets through with him for he embezzled $8 worth of apples, and he was fined $15.

Wilfred Bourgeois stole an eight quart can of milk and for so doing he must ante $14 or else do two months in jail.

Marriage Intentions.

The only intention recorded at the city clerk's office today was James Coughlin 24, to Catherine Cox 24.

The Story of Puritana.

Prof. Dixi Crosby, M. D., LL. D., who for thirty-two years was at the head of Dartmouth Medical College, belonged to the famous Crosby family of physicians, which for several generations has furnished more distinguished medical men than any other family in America. His father was Dr. Asa Crosby, of Dartmouth, who procured the charter of the State medical society, of which he was for thirty years a conspicuous member; one brother, Dr. Josiah Crosby, invented the invalid bed and the method of making extensions of fractured limbs by adhesive strips; another brother, Dr. Thos. R. Crosby, was chief surgeon in Columbian College Hospital during the war, and later professor of animal and vegetable physiology at Dartmouth College; while Dr. Dixi Crosby himself was the inventor and discoverer of various important improvements in medicine and surgery, including a new and unique mode of reducing metacarpophalangeal dislocation, opening of abscess at hip-joint, etc., etc.

At the early age of twenty-four his extraordinary skill and success in overcoming disease had already attracted the attention of medical men throughout the world, and won for him the highest honors. His greatest achievement was the discovery of an original method for perfecting and compounding in permanent form what has become known as his "prize formula," and which, under the name of Puritana, is legally protected.

The foundation of this remarkable medical discovery consists of simple New England roots and herbs, and the original family recipe for it has descended to the long line of Crosby physicians from their Puritan ancestors. Its peculiar vegetable composition rendered it necessary to brew it whenever needed in the early days of its history, and after the scattering of the Puritan families to remote localities, where the necessary ingredients were not to be found, many attempts were made to put it up in permanent form, all of which failed until Dr. Dixi Crosby discovered means and methods, the result of which is: Nature's Cure compounded in the laboratory of Common Sense.

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Puritana

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MATRIMONIAL.

Mr. John A. Mullen and Miss Mary V. Burke were united in marriage at the parochial residence of St. Michael's church by the Rev. Daniel Scannell last Wednesday evening.

The bride was handsomely attired in a dress of white henrietta, trimmed with white lace and satin ribbon, and wore bridal roses. She was attended by Miss Mary Rushe, who was similarly dressed. The groom was attended by his brother, Mr. Thomas Mullen.

A reception followed at the home of Mrs. and Mr. O'Brien at No. 10 Riverside avenue.

The gifts received were as follows: $10 gold piece, Miss Mary Rushe; chamber set, employes of the carpet jack room; willow rocker, Annie Rushe; dinner set, Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien; marble top table, Mary and Sabina Rattigan; toilet set, Mr. and Mrs. Watton; marble clock, Barbarra Fleming; dining room table, Delia Fleming; pair of blankets, Miss Reddicks; parlor lamp, Mr. and Mrs. James Reynolds; pair of blankets, Misses Minnie and Katie Griffin; lemonade set, Mr. and Mrs. Boland; water set, Bernard Kelly; cut glass fruit dishes and towels, Misses Fleming; table cover, Miss Maggie Lucas; music stand, Eugene Davis; towels, Bridget Manning; wedding cake, Mr. and Mrs. John McGann; bed spread, Miss Annie Devlin; chair, Miss Sadie Higgins.

Mr. and Mrs. Mullen have the best wishes of a host of friends.

Paine's Celery Compound, and all other Patent Medicines, at Lowest Prices, at Goodale's Low Priced Drug Store, 217 Central street.

THE EAGLE SHOE STORE

is offering some great plums this month. Read this and think it over. Gent's Box Calf Shoes, square toe, lace or congress, well worth $4.50, our special price, $3.40, also Gent's Box Calf wide Paris toe, lace or congress, regular price $4, our price $2.98, and on our special bargain counter ladies' boots well worth $2, our special price $1, also hundreds of other big bargains. Remember the place,

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215 DUTTON STREET.

J. J. LONERGAN, Prop.

Toys All Kinds.

Skates 5000 Pairs

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216 CENTRAL STREET.

Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets, cure a cold in the head in one day. Cut price at Goodale's Drug Store, 217 Central street.

DR. WALKER DENTIST

Goodale's Beef, Iron and Wine is a splendid tonic and appetizer. 50c.

VARIETY STORES use old papers for wrapping purposes. We sell them at this office for 5 cents a hundred.

SAVOY THEATRE

Kendal Weston, Mgr.

Farewell to Miss Stahl.

TONIGHT AT 8.00

DUMAS' MASTERPIECE

"CAMILLE"

Miss Stahl as Camille.

Mr. Weston as Armand.

Telephone 608-5. Tickets reserved must positively be called for 15 minutes before time of performance, as they will be held no longer.

Next Week—Wallack's version of "OUIDA'S MOTHS." Miss Fitz-Allan as "Vera."

TICKETS NOW ON SALE.

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Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 4, 5, 6, and Saturday Matinee.

E. F. Rush's Mammoth Extravaganza

"EXCELSIOR,"

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SEE-LEE-DINNER

Introduced by

"LITTLE EGYPT"

AND TWENTY PRETTY GIRLS.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, February 8, 9 and 10.

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A Clean Bright Vaudeville Company composed of the Cream of the Profession.

9—Big Specialty Acts—9

GOLD WEATHER COMFORTS

We're going to need them very soon if what the weather prophets say is true. Seal Skin Gloves, Heavy Weight Underwear, new and handsome designs in Silk Mufflers, and Heavy Caps and Gloves are dividing attention with our superb line of gentlemen's furnishings at this time.

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A full line of Dr. Frost's Celebrated remedies, including the rheumatic remedy, for sale at Goodale's Low Priced Drug Store, 217 Central street.

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SUNDAY, FEB. 7, 3 O'CLOCK

At Odd Fellows' Hall.

Soloists:

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TICKETS, - - - 25 CENTS

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The Genuine Syr. Figs sold at cut prices at Goodale's Drug Store, 217 Central street.

$100. $75.

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And Some Cheaper.

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WANT COLUMN.

MEN AND WOMEN out of employment and willing to work can learn of a permanent situation at good wages, by writing at once to P. V. H., Box 283, Augusta, Maine.

AA WANTED MEN AND WOMEN. Young and old, to work for us in their own homes in spare time, day or evening. We pay $10 to $15 per week. No canvassing. Any child can do the work. Send address today. We send work at once. The Vail Art Co., Dept. Vail, Pa.

AGENTS MAKE $5 PER HUNDRED collecting names and delivering costly household novelties; also live brass new novelties; sells on sight; big profits, answer quick. Spencer Mfg. Co., Chicago.

AGENTS—Fifty cents on each dollar; no experience necessary. Write for sample copy. Address The Catholic News, 13 Barclay St., New York.

LOST—The latter part of November, a copy of specifications between Hardy's grocery store on Market street, and Canal block on Central street. A reward of $10 will be given to the person returning same to this office.

AGENTS WANTED—A bonanza. Agents making $25.00 a week at it in other places. Something new. Call at 153 Appleton street between 7 and 9 p. m.

WANTED.—Men and women to canvass for a new article. Apply room 6, Urban block.

WANTED.—Two good experienced agents to represent our clothing in this city or Lawrence. Apply to Irish Custom Tailoring Co., 201 Middlesex street, Eliot building, room 4.

LOST—Friday evening, pointer dog, 8 months old, brown and white tail, white legs, spotted or mottled, collar marked, F. W. Wellman, 111 Stevens street. Return same and get reward.

A SECOND HAND SPINNER WANTED to do fixing and run a mule. Must understand the Smith and Davis & Farber machinery. A good place for an energetic young man with steady habits. Address Dudley Hosiery Mills, Newton Lower Falls, Mass.

TO LET—A tenement of five rooms conveniently located. Apply at John McKeown's, 4, rear of 31 Chapel street.

LOST—In this city, a coupon receipt book belonging to the Singer Mfg. Co. The finder will be rewarded by leaving the same at 187 Middlesex street.

LADIES TO WRITE for us at home. No canvassing. Reply, enclosing stamp, Silver Fern Co., Aurora, Indiana.

TO LET—Sunny five room tenement on Moody street. Enquire at 821 Merrimack street.

TO LET—Very pleasant and sunny rooms newly furnished at 401 Dutton street.

GOOD INVESTMENT.—500 shares stock in native company for sale at $1 per share, must be sold to settle estate. Address post office box 1804, Boston.

FOR SALE—In Centralville, five minutes walk from mills, good cottage house of seven rooms, in good repair. If you are looking for a home this will suit you. G. L. Hubbard, 41 Central street.

FOR SALE—On Willder street, two story, two tenement house. This is a bargain. Price $3000. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

WANTED—Your child to have Rosy Cheeks, Pure Blood, to rest well. Get a box of the Aiban Worm and Scrofula Tablets at all druggists. Price 25c., prepaid, by the Lowell Chemistry Co.

FOR SALE—On Middlesex street, lot of land of 7300 feet, corner of streets. Price 10 cents per foot. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

LADIES—Chichester's English Pennyroyal Pills (Diamond Brand) are the best. Safe, reliable. Take no other. Send 4c. stamps for particulars, "Relief for Ladies," in letter by return mail. At Druggists. Chichester Chemical Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

DR. CATON'S TANSY PILLS for Ladies never fail. Get the genuine and avoid disappointment. $1, all druggists or direct. DR. E. F. CATON, Boston, Mass.

FOR SALE—In Pawtucketville, good 7 room cottage house, large lot of land near new bridge. Call and look over it at once. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

ALL LADIES having a few hours leisure each day should write me at once, regarding pleasant home work which easily pays $15 weekly. This is no deception and will certainly pay you to investigate. Reply with stamped envelop. Mrs. S. A. Stebbins, Lawrence, Mich.

WANTED—600 young and old men to bring their old clothes to Fred P. Lew's Dye house and Clothes Cleaning establishment at 477 Merrimack street, where he can make your old suit as good as new for a small sum.

FOR SALE—On Nesmith road a good farm of 20 acres, lots of fruit, good two tenement house, good barn. This is a good chance if you want to get you a home. Price $2000. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

LADIES, my monthly regulator has brought happiness to hundreds of anxious women. I have never had a single failure; no other doctor can say this. Longest cases relieved in 2 to 5 days without fail; no pain, no danger, no interference with work; price $2; by mail or at office; consultation free; all letters truthfully answered. DR. TOLMAN, 170 Tremont street, Boston.

CHARLES H. COSGROVE, Room 10, Hildreth Building, Attorney and Counsellor at Law.

J. M. KINGSBURY, No. 373 Bridge Street. Meats and Provisions. (Successor to Stout & Kingsbury.)

PHILIP J. FARLEY, Room 11, Barristers' Hall, Attorney and Counsellor at Law.

JOSEPH W. LEACH, Room 12, Shedd's Block, Pianist and Teacher of Singing.

JOHN W. McEVOY, 137 Central St., Opp. American House, Attorney and Counsellor at Law.

COURTNEY & COURTNEY, Masonic Block, Counsellors-at-Law. William F. Courtney. Henry S. Courtney.

SMOKE OLD 64 CIGAR. H. BOOT, Manufacturer.

LOTHROP & CUNNINGHAM, 182 Merrimack Street, Photographers. Crayons, Pastels and Water Colors a specialty. All work guaranteed.

W. A. LEW, 40 John Street. Clothing Cleansed, Dyed and Pressed. Orders received for cleaning, dying and pressing, promptly and neatly executed.

PETER J. BRADY, GROCER, 448 Corham Street. Choice Teas, Coffees and Spices. Try our "BIG TWELVE" brand of flour the best in the city.

ORDER YOUR FALL SUIT OR OVERCOAT AT BERTRAND'S 24 Middle Street.

LOWELL RENDERING CO. Highest cash prices paid for Hides, Tallow, Skins, etc. Dead animals removed. Factory and Office, So. Lowell. Telephone, 322-3. City Tel., 682-4.

Large sales mean fresher medicine. More Green's Nerura sold at Goodale's Drug Store than any other drug store in town.

THE WEATHER.

Sun rises—6:52; sets, 5:00.
Length of day—10h. 14m.
Moon sets—10:24 p. m.
Full sea—2:15 a. m.; 2:30 p. m.
Forecast for New England: Snow, turning into rain; variable winds, becoming southeasterly and easterly.

LOCAL NEWS.

Always wins, Old Hundred.

T. C. Lee, fire insurance, Donovan bl'd.

Miss Celia Durant of Hanover street is visiting in Haverhill.

Tickets, round trip to Boston, $1.00. A. McQuade, P. O. block.

Miss Cecilia Raymond of Mount Hope street is visiting in Lawrence.

Elegant rubber tired hacks at O'Donnell's, Jefferson street. Telephone 439-4.

George E. Metcalf has been engaged as organist for the Worthen Street M. E. church.

Friends of Walter Clay of Lincoln street presented him a Brussels carpet last evening.

Buy good clean Coal, D. W. Horne & Son, 15 Central street.

A medal has been presented to Captain George D. Kimball for ten years' faithful military service.

If your coal does not suit you, try Mullin, the 1018 Gorham street coal dealer. You can get him by telephone connection.

An alphabetical bargain sale of window shades is going on at Kittredge & Co.'s 208 Central street. We announce the "B" bargain in their "oval." Go to them for anything in window shades.

All roads lead to the old postoffice today. A sale of the famous "909" ulster by O'Hearn & Dowd, being the cause and a saving of four dollars and sixty five cents the effect on each purchase. See advertisement on page 3.

Division 1, A. O. H., held a meeting Thursday night and installed the following officers: President, John A. O'Hearn; vice president, John O'Hare; recording secretary, Thomas Miles; financial secretary, James Kelly; assistant, Patrick McGovern; treasurer, Charles Callahan; standing committee, Henry F. Maguire, John F. Tansey, James Lyon; sick committee, John Donohoe, John Owens; door keeper, Patrick Kilkenny. The society is in excellent condition, having a membership of 200 in good financial standing.

"Zenda Anniversary."

One year ago this month the now popular "Zenda corset" was put upon the market, cut upon an entirely new principle—in fact, a new idea. This great improvement in corsets has proved a grand success. More than 6000 pairs have been sold in the past year at Buttrick's Pattern and Corset Parlors. New styles and designs constantly being added. The ease and comfort and shapely form derived from wearing the "Zenda" is worth double the price of it. They will please you. All corsets and waists fitted free of charge. Prices from $1 up.

Lowell Orchestral Society.

The recital tomorrow afternoon at Odd Fellows' hall will be a most enjoyable occasion, judging by the program below and will undoubtedly test the capacity of the hall. The gifted soprano, Mrs. Helen Winslow Potter of Boston, and Prof. Borjes in a violin solo, in addition to the popular selections by the orchestra ensure an hour of unalloyed pleasure.

Coronation March, from the Opera Folkunger.....Kretschmer
Overture, "Marriage of Figaro,"...W. A. Mozart
Aria, "Roberto, o tu che adoro," from Roberto Il Diavolo.....Meyerbeer
Mrs. Potter.
Sunrise Gavotte.....Max Horter
Violin solo, "Les Melodies des Alpes..H. Scheuer
Mr. Borjes.
Selection, "Il Trovatore,".....Verdi
Song, O Salutaris Hostia.....Gounod
With Violin Obligato by Prof. Borjes.
Mrs. Potter.
"The Passing Regiment".....Rob. Coverley
Suite, a. Landler } .....Woldemar Bargiel
b. Menuett }
Admission 25 cents.
Tickets at Ellingwood's, corner of Merrimack and Central streets.

SOME CRISP GOSSIP.

Mrs. Camillo Roussin is quite ill at her home in Salem street.

Mr. Benjamin Leuthier, formerly of this city, who now holds a responsible position in Boston, was visiting friends here yesterday.

Mr. George Kelly has recovered from the injuries received while bowling several weeks ago and is around again.

There is a slippery sidewalk in front of the Prescott mills counting rooms on East Merrimack street, and yesterday several ladies received bad falls there.

The snow is being removed from the sides of High street by the city employes.

Several sleigh ride parties are booked for next week if the sleighing only holds out.

It is said that nearly $300 was cleared on the recent minstrel entertainment in aid of the Sacred Heart church. The performance will probably be repeated.

The annual assembly of the Aetna club will be held in Prescott hall next Wednesday evening and will be a nice affair.

Sleighing was not extra fine around the business parc of the city yesterday, but on the outskirts it was elegant and some fine turnouts were seen.

It was very quiet around city hall yesterday, especially at the mayor's office, as Mayor Courtney and Private Secretary Hennessy were both in Boston and did not return till evening.

The boys are not doing much coasting this winter. The fact is there are few convenient places to coast.

The announcement of the appointment of Principal Coburn as head of the new Normal school has revived talk about the opening of that institution.

Nashua visitors to this city are not so numerous now as they were a few months ago. The electrics do not bring many passengers across the state line now.

It is dangerous sleighing in Merrimack and Central streets now. It is an easy matter to get a runner caught in a track and you are almost certain to be dumped trying to get out.

Les Miserables bowling alleys and billiard hall now open. East Merrimack street.

Buy Good Tea.

Our advice to the people of Lowell is to buy good tea. There is no cheaper drink; it is cheaper than cold water. A pound of good tea should make 300 cups. Buy our high grade teas. Dickson Bros., 86 Merrimack street.

DR. COBURN DENTIST 31 MERK ST.

OF ARMOR PLATE

Carnegie's Agent Writes to the Senate.

HE WANTS TO ARBITRATE THE MATTER.

Company Willing to Sell Plant to Government.

Washington, Feb. 6.—The testimony taken before the senate committee on naval affairs, in regard to the cost of armor plate, was made public yesterday. The report shows that General Manager H. C. Frick of the Carnegie Steel company submitted a written proposition, agreeing to leave some of the differences between the company and the United States to arbitration, and that General Superintendent Schwab went even further than the manager. Mr. Frick's letter was dated at New York, Feb. 1, and said, among other things:

"Two items we ask to be left to arbitration, the government appointing one arbitrator, we another, these two a third, a decision of the majority to be final. All these men, of course, to be impartial and acquainted with steel manufacture."

H. C. FRICK.

The items he specified were: First, an annual dividend of 6 per cent on capital stock, for which he contended as just; second, he complained that the sinking fund allowed to cover depreciation is only about 4 per cent of the cost of the plant, which he thinks is too low.

Mr. Schwab's statement of the position of the company on the subject of arbitration was brought out by a question from Senator McMillan. The colloquy on this point was as follows:

Senator McMillan—Is it true that the profits paid by the government have practically paid for all of this plant?

Mr. Schwab—No, sir, it is not true, because the profits have been calculated on a false basis. We cannot show you that without showing you our books. We have refused to show them, for a good many reasons. We cannot show them to anybody, but it is absolutely not true. In no branch of our business do we consider our money as poorly invested as in armor. There is no branch of the business that has given us so much trouble, so much worry, and in which we think we have such a poor outlook as we have in armor. So strongly do we feel on this point that there is nothing which would please us better, and, we are thoroughly in earnest, when we say that we would like for the government to take our plant. We have undoubtedly the best plant in the world.

Senator Smith—At what cost do you suppose?

Mr. Schwab—We will fix the value by arbitration, the value of the plant and the processes and everything. They are all subjects of arbitration and valuation.

Senator Smith—Let me ask whether your plant is so separated from your other works that it could be sold to the government?

Mr. Schwab—It could be. It is divided; it is so situated. We have, perhaps, the best situation in the United States for armor making. We are in the natural gas district, where he have natural gas for fuel. We have $3,000,000 invested in natural gas, and we would supply you with gas at fixed prices, to be determined by arbitration.

Mr. Schwab said that the navy department estimate was about 22½ per cent too low on original material; that the cost of fuel, heating, forging, bending and harveyizing was estimated at only about 30 per cent of what it actually is, and the cost of labor at about 40 per cent.

Mr. Frick, in his letter, said the original cost of the Carnegie armor plant was over $4,000,000, and he advanced the idea that the government could not duplicate it for less than $5,000,000.

President Lindesman of the Bethlehem works took exception to Secretary Herbert's estimate of the profits of the company. He declared that their armor plant, instead of costing only $3,357,000, as estimated by the department, had not cost less than $6,551,000. He said that for the period from 1889 to 1896, both inclusive, the gross receipts of the company were $46,000,000, of which only $6,750,000 was from armor, and added that the dividends of the company never exceeded 12 per cent.

Secretary Herbert's report was sharply attacked by both Mr. Schwab and Mr. Lindesman, and the secretary was given an opportunity to reply. He said that the method of estimates adopted was his own. He complained that both companies had refused to exhibit their books, and said:

"If we had the books, they would show precisely what is the cost of manufacturing a ton of armor. I estimated that cost according to the reports made by officers who were specially charged with observing, so that they might accurately report the price of labor, the price of material, the amount of materials and all that."

The secretary said that, in his opinion, the government could duplicate either the Bethlehem or the Carnegie armor plant for $2,000,000, and he recommended that congress appropriate this amount, to be set aside and used, in case the companies refuse to make reasonable terms. "I think," said he, "that we ought, in all events, to have the power to build, buy or lease a gun plant and an armor plant, for the reason that, although these gentlemen may agree to this rate of $400 per ton, you will remember that a contract for armor contains a great many details."

The secretary then related the difficulties he had encountered in getting a reduction on the price of armor plate on the two ships now building.

"I was contemplating," he said, "advertising for the contractors to furnish the armor and the hull and everything else to build the ships complete. These gentlemen objected. I answered them. We had a long controversy on the subject. Finally, they asked me why it was that I wanted to adopt that plan. 'To tell you the truth,' I said, 'I want to get you gentlemen to compete with each other; and you must bid lower. One of them said that his company would not bid under certain circumstances. I said: 'I do not care whether or not you bid; the other company can manufacture all this armor, but, unless you come down on this article, I tell you I will not make any contract with you. I will simply refuse to make any contract with you, and will report the matter to congress and ask it for a remedy.'

"They then asked me how much reduction I would require. I said: 'As much as you can afford.' They then agreed to submit a proposition. After a few days they did make a proposition, which was substantially the same from both of them, that they would lower rates at least $50 a ton. It ought to be said to their credit that, when the deeds were made, they did come down $59 a ton, so that the contracts for the present ships are at a rate much lower than previous contracts."

IN CONGRESS.

Senator Kenney of Delaware Takes His Seat—Pensions in the House.

Washington, Feb. 6.—The senate yesterday admitted Richard R. Kenney to the Delaware seat vacated many months ago by Mr. Higgins and which since then has been the subject of continuous controversy. This augmented the Democratic number to 40, and for the first time raised the full membership of the senate to its proper quota of 90. It affected no essential change in party strength however, the division being: Republicans, including Independents, 44; Democrats, 40; Populists, 6. Total 90. All opposition to the seating of Mr. Kenney was withdrawn, Republican senators conceding that his credentials from Governor Tunnell, certifying that the regular legislature had chosen him in due form, gave him a prima facie right of admission.

The Nicaragua canal debate proceeded without definite conclusion, Mr. Caffery, (Dem. La.), speaking against the bill. The pension calender was cleared during the day, about 50 pension bills being passed.

Yesterday was private bill day in the house and the entire day was spent in clearing the calendar of the unfinished business reported from the Friday night sessions. Out of 63 bills, 59 were passed.

The Brooklyn's Injuries.

Philadelphia, Feb. 6.—The work of lightering the cruiser Brooklyn has been completed. Four hundred tons of coal and all the cruiser's ammunition and most of her stores have been removed. As soon as the dock at League island has been prepared, she will be brought up from Marcus Hook. The divers have completed their work of examination, except for four or five feet aft. Captain Cook said yesterday that the divers have found that the only injuries are on the port side. He said: "For a distance of possibly 100 or more feet, one of the plates is punched in, bent and cut. The injury, I believe, is confined to one plate." It is expected she will be docked by Tuesday, at the latest.

Insurance Company In Bad Condition.

Boston, Feb. 6.—Judge Barker has issued a preliminary injunction in the case of the insurance commissioners vs. the Suffolk Mutual Accident association, a casualty company, restraining it from doing business; and also an order of notice upon it, returnable on Friday, to show cause why it should not go into the hands of a receiver. The petition is presented on the ground that the present condition of the company is such that it would be hazardous to the public for it to continue business.

Brewery Reconveyed to Company.

Boston, Feb. 6.—The property of the Springfield brewing company, which has been in the hands of Eldridge B. Anderson, as temporary receiver, since Aug. 28, last, upon a bill in equity brought by one Van Vliet to wind up its affairs, because of financial difficulties, has been reconveyed to the company by a decree of the Suffolk superior court. The company was put on a paying basis by the receiver.

Judge Was Bribed.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Feb. 6.—Judge W. S. Metz of the Fourth judicial court of Wyoming, has tendered his resignation to Governor Richards and it has been accepted. The house had agreed to bring impeachment proceedings against him and the senate had decided to resolve itself into a court for his trial. Metz was charged with having been bribed to allow a fraudulent settlement of a debt of the Sun Dance bank. Metz permitted the bank to transfer worthless marsh land to a minor who was a ward of his court, in liquidation of a debt of $8000.

When you buy Sarsaparilla Ask for the best and you'll Get Ayer's. Ask for Ayer's and you'll get The Best.

Biliousness Is caused by torpid liver, which prevents digestion and permits food to ferment and putrify in the stomach. Then follow dizziness, headache, insomina, nervousness, and, if not relieved, bilious fever or blood poisoning. Hood's Pills stimulate the stomach, rouse the liver, cure headache, dizziness, constipation, etc. 25 cents. Sold by all druggists. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla. Hood's Pills

$20 A very good Square Piano for beginners. Call now. GEORGE A. GARDNER, 20 Prescott St.

C. CHENEY'S DEFY

He Will Not Furnish Mayor Courtney With Information

STREET DEPARTMENT IS A BIG POLITICAL RING

By Which Cheney Hopes to Retain Office.

Mayor Courtney is indignant, and righteously so.

Supt. Cheney openly defies the authority of His Honor, and refuses to respect a courteous request from the chief executive. Never before has the need of the vesture of executive powers in the mayor been so apparent.

For weeks past, prominent citizens, men who desire employment, and old hands who had labored for years in the street department and were laid off to make room for new comers, have besieged Mayor Courtney's office, and recited stories of injustice and mismanagement in the street department. At first the mayor was inclined to believe that the reports he received were exaggerated, and actuated possibly by personal motives, or supposed personal grievances.

Realizing that his obligations and pledges to the people demanded action or at least investigation, he made inquiries, and obtained information which revealed to him a gigantic plot to turn the entire street department into a great political ring, for the futherance of Supt. Cheney's personal ends, and his perpetuation in office.

The scheme was well arranged, well managed, and everyone concerned felt happy. They were happy in what they had, but not contented by any means. Supt. Cheney felt the uncertainty of his position, and realized that his only hope and salvation, rested in the diplomacy of his crafty deputies and his own ability to retain his votes, by making good his promises.

But there always hung over him that fear and fright that the demand might become excessive. Then unable to meet it, —he could see the end.

On the other hand, there were his cohorts—supporting him only for what they got out of him, and forcing him to the very limit, fearing all the time that public opinion might influence a change that would eliminate from public life and municipal office, their benefactor and friend. And that is their condition of mind today.

Mayor Courtney's preliminary steps led him to believe what is firmly settled in the public mind today, that never before has the street department of this city been subjected to the gratification and fulfillment of personal ends, claims and position, as it now is.

The department is under republican rule, too, managed by a man chosen by the republican "reformers" who invaded the city council last year, and a few of whom, including Cheney himself, became famous by their connection with the famous horse deal, for which several of them were afterwards indicted by a grand jury.

Fortified with information of this nature the mayor believing that a verification of his knowledge obtained from outside parties, was advisable before public exposure of the street department was made, officially requested Supt. Cheney, as already stated in The Sun to transmit to him as soon as possible the name of every man hired or discharged in the street department since January 1st, 1897, and the reason for their discharge.

No satisfactory information was received in reply to this request, and a second letter was addressed to Supt. Cheney by the mayor.

Yesterday Supt. Cheney forwarded a list of names of men he had engaged and discharged, but it contained no reasons. Why? Evidently Supt. Cheney fears an expose of his plot, for it is openly stated that these "reasons" in themselves would be an exposure of his methods.

The mayor was not in his office yesterday, but Sec. Hennessy was seen and said:

"I have heard the mayor speak on the matter, and the information Supt. Cheney has sent him is not satisfactory, nor is it what he asked for. It would surprise you to know the people who have called here the past few days to protest against the management of the street department. They complain that Supt. Cheney, in exchange for their votes, has placed positions in the street department at the disposal of members of the city council. And they have availed themselves of his proposition, it seems.

"His Honor is indignant and intends to conduct a thorough investigation. You understand that the new charter explicitly states that a member of the city council shall not, directly or indirectly, seek positions in the city departments, and that heads of departments alone shall engage employes.

"I believe the mayor will make another formal demand on Supt. Cheney for information.

"The reports submitted to this office indicate a surprising condition of affairs, and an unwarrantable effort on Supt. Cheney's part to continue in office."

It is also stated that reports have reached the mayor that men not voters in this city and not even citizens, have been given employment, while men with families were refused an opportunity to provide for the little ones at home.

Should Mayor Courtney commence an investigation and I have not the slightest doubt that he will, he will not lack material to assist him.

There are scores of men who will volunteer information as to the management of this department and the method of obtaining employment, from personal observation and experience.

If the decision in the Bray-Varnum case is in favor of Mr. Bray, I have not the slightest doubt that the first official removed will be Supt. Cheney.

Sleighs at Cost.

Fifty sleighs, for business or pleasure, at manufacturer's prices, are to be sold by H. J. O'Dowd & Co., Mechanics' building, Dutton street. If you want a bargain, now is your chance.

Next Thursday evening the Ladies' Bevolent society of the Trinitarian church will have a supper and entertainment.

Beecham's pills for constipation 10¢ and 25¢. Get the book at your druggist's and go by it.

Annual sales more than 6,000,000 boxes.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure. Celebrated for its great leavening strength and healthfulness. Assures the food against alum and all forms of adulteration common to the cheap brands. ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

CHURCH NOTES.

At Unity Guild, 118 Church street, tomorrow night at 7 o'clock, the address will be "The Problem of City Government." There will be good music.

Firt Trinitarian church, morning subject: For Christ and the Church; evening: Illustrated Lecture by Rev. Mr. Kenngott on Solomon and His Glory.

REV. FR. RIORDAN

Was Prayed For at Last Night's Services.

The Immaculate Conception congregation last evening offered up prayers for Rev. Fr. Riordan, O. M. I., who, Rev. Fr. Reynolds stated was lying at the point of death in St. John's hospital.

The usual first Friday service was held at the church and the hymns of the office were sung by the large congregation.

Speaking of the intention for the month, the cause of the Venerable de la Colombiere, to whom the league in large measure owes its promulgaiten, Fr. Reynolds said the cause had the support of the Holy Father, who sought the elevation of the director of Margaret Mary to the altars of the church.

Prayers were read by Rev. Wm. D. Joyce, O. M. I.

BOWLING NEWS.

The Vespers defeated the Highlands last night on the latter's alleys by a score of 2447 to 2407.

In the tournament game last night, the Police team won from the Olympics 2448 to 2283.

The Big Five bowled a good game with the Merrimacks and won 2296 to 2205.

In the Vesper tournament last night, Team Ten defeated Team Seven 2291 to 2082.

Team Five of the Bankers won from Team Six 1744 to 1615.

The Albion Club.

The albion club had a very enjoyable party in Prescott hall last evening and 150 couples joined in the merry dance. Hibbard's orchestra furnished music and the officers were:

General manager, Joseph E. Conlon; assistant general manager, Philip McNulty; floor director, John Roark; chief aid, Daniel Guthrie.

Pain-Killer. (PERRY DAVIS'.) A Sure and Safe Remedy in every case and every kind of Bowel Complaint is Pain-Killer. This is a true statement and it can't be made too strong or too emphatic. It is a simple, safe and quick cure for Cramps, Cough, Rheumatism, Colic, Colds, Neuralgia, Diarrhœa, Croup, Toothache. TWO SIZES, 25c. and 50c.

CHALIFOUX'S On Central and Middle Streets, WINTER Clearance Sale Plays Havoc With Competition.

Odd sizes in Men's Clothing, Boys' Clothing, Furnishing Goods and Shoes for Ladies, Misses and Children are sold at ridiculously low prices. Sale started some weeks ago and proved a success from the word go.

Where Else can you buy for **73c.** Ladies' Kid and Button Polish Boots, odd sizes, worth $2.50, $3, $4.

Where Else can you buy for **69c.** Ladies' Colored Satin Slippers, worth $2, $2.50 and $3.

Where Else can you buy for **38c.** Ladies' Kid Sandals worth 75c.

Where Else can you buy for **50c.** Ladies' Kid Opera Slippers worth $1.75 and $2.

Where Else can you buy for **$2.50** Ladies' Box Calf Polish Boots worth $3.

Where Else can you buy for **$1.49** Ladies' Kid Button and Polish Boots worth $2.

Where Else can you buy Ladies' Rubbers for **19c.**

Where Else can you buy Misses' Rubbers for **18c.**

Where Else can you buy Children's Rubbers for **15c.**

Where Else can you buy Children's Kid Button Shoes for **25c.**

Quality for quality you cannot match same goods in any other store in the city for much more money.

J. L. CHALIFOUX, 49 to 59 Central Street.

A GOOD COLLECTOR WANTED AT DONOVAN & MANSUR'S Room 1, Swan Building, 26 Central street, Lowell, Mass. Telephone 406-4.

THEATRICAL NEWS.

Music Hall.

"Excelsior," the spectacular combination at Music hall tonight is one of the best money-making attractions of the season. The performance opens with a merry comedy called "Excelsior's Trip to Switzerland." It serves to introduce the company in a melange of mirth and music and comedy made further enjoyable by the introduction of many catchy specialities.

It will be repeated this afternoon and evening.

The merriest show on the road comes to the New Music hall next week for three days, beginning with Monday, Feb. 8. This is an excellent reputation for a company to bear, but when one overlooks the roster of Fields & Hanson's Drawing Cards there will be no wonderment expressed at the claim.

Every artist in the roster of the troupe has passed an apprenticeship of many years, earning a reputation of high grade performers. And they furnish an entertainment replete with clean wit, startling novelty, bright humor and quaint comedy. The headline of the show is that eminent singing comedian, Joe Flynn, who has an entirely new budget of "pretty little things" for his admirers. Then there is Mae Rhea who has long held the soubriquet of "The Bowery Girl," together with a long list of celebrites each of which is sure to please.

Savoy Theatre.

The play to be given next week at this theatre is to be Wallock's version of Ouida's great story, "Moths." The story, no doubt, is familiar to many, and this version as dramatized is the standard, and was secured by Mr. Weston in payment of a large royalty for the week. It is his intention to make this the great week of the season, and every preparation has been made to make the presentation a success. Special dresses, beautiful settings and all appointments of the best, together with a great cast will insure this.

Miss Fitz-Allan, resumes her place as leading lady, and will play "Vera," a part in which she will make as decided a success as she did in "The Crust of society."

Mr. Weston has the opposite part of "Corroze" and it will receive a masterful presentation in his hands. The company are all included in the cast, and have excellent roles.

Tickets are on sale and are beginning to go rapidly, and a successful week is evidently in store for this popular house.

Camille.

The audience at the Savoy last night occupied every seat and standing room was at a discount. Those who wish to get seats for this afternoon or evening will have to go early as the house is nearly all sold. Miss Stahl reaches her highest achievement in dramatic art in the role of Camille and it is a rare treat to witness her impassioned rendering of the part. She works so hard and enters into the spirit of the role to such an extent that she actually cries on the stage and it is several hours before she recovers from the effect of portraying such intense emotion. This afternoon and evening will see the final performance and Miss Stahl's last appearance. The Lowell public parts with her very reluctantly.

HAVANA BURNS IN THE ARMS OF CUBA 5 CENTS. CIGAR 5 CENTS. Every freeman should recognize this flag —Every smoker this cigar. UNION MADE. HAND WORK. Hunt is the maker. Every live dealer the seller. CALDERWOOD & ROBBINS, Wholesale Distributors, Lowell, Mass.

Ulsters We can't tell all the good points of our "909" in one advertisement. In addition to being wind proof, water proof weighing 36 ounces of all wool cloth to the yard, having a heavy worsted lining, etc., as pointed out in yesterday's advertisement. These garments are padded through the breast and back to protect the lungs, rendering them doubly serviceable. Four dollars and sixty cents saved if bought at today's price $9.35 O'Hearn & Dowd Old Post Office.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE.

Whereas George T. Clark and Eliza Clark, by virtue of a mortgage deed dated the twelfth day of April, 1882, and recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds Book 152, Page 68, conveyed to Henry A. Hildreth of Lowell, Massachusetts, in mortgage the following described premises, to wit:

A certain tract of land with buildings thereon situate on the southerly side of West Third street in that part of Lowell, Mass., called Centralville and bounded and described as follows, viz: Beginning at a stone bound on the southerly side of West Third street, which is sixty-seven feet five inches easterly from a stone bound placed by city of Lowell, thence in a southwesterly direction along land of the grantee eighty-one feet ten inches, more or less, to land of one Morris, now or formerly, thence in a southeasterly direction thirty feet, more or less, to land of one Cawsey, now or formerly, thence in a northeasterly direction along said Cawsey's land eighty-four feet six inches to said West Third street, thence in a northwesterly direction along said West Third street twenty-nine feet ten inches to the point of beginning. A strip of land twelve feet wide on the westerly side of said lot to be forever kept open as a passageway to be used in common for the owner's and abutters' use.

Being the same premises conveyed by deed to us April 12, A. D. 1882, and recorded with Middlesex North District Deeds.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that for breach of the conditions contained in the said mortgage deed and by virtue of the power of sale therein contained, I shall sell the property, lands and premises therein described at public auction on the said premises in said Lowell, Massachusetts, on Saturday, the twenty-seventh day of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven at two (2) o'clock in the afternoon.

MARION E. HILDRETH.

A true copy, attest:
EZRA F. MANSUR,
Constable of Lowell.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
COURT OF INSOLVENCY.

MIDDLESEX S. S.

The undersigned has been appointed assignee of the estate of Abram Coffin of Lowell, in said county, an insolvent debtor.

The second meeting of the creditors of said debtor will be held at a Court of Insolvency at Lowell on the sixteenth day of March next at ten o'clock in the forenoon; at which meeting creditors may be present and prove their claims.

THOMAS J. ENRIGHT,
Assignee.

Lowell, Feb. 5, 1897.

When Company Comes unexpectedly the housewife is often puzzled as to what to get for dinner. Then time is doubly precious. If when so caught she only has a package of NONE SUCH MINCE MEAT in her pantry she can, in a few minutes, prepare the best of all desserts—good mince pie. Think of it. No peeling, chopping, seeding, picking and mixing. A package of None Such, costing only 10 cts., will make two large pies. Makes perfect Fruit Cake and Fruit Pudding also. Get a package to-day from your grocer. Take no substitute. Send your address, naming this paper, and we will send you free a book, "Mrs. Popkins' Thanksgiving," by one of the most popular humorous writers of the day. Merrell-Soule Co., Syracuse, N. Y.

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EIRENE LODGE.

Held a Festival in Manchester Unity Hall Last Evening.

The festival of Eirene lodge, I. O. G. T., in Manchester Unity hall, Runels' building, last evening, was largely attended, and a fine program was offered.

Every lodge in this city was represented and the tables were well patronized, the pretty and useful articles finding a ready sale.

Y. M. C. A. Basket Ball.

The Lowell Y. M. C. A. basket ball team was defeated by the Lawrence Y. M. C. A. team last evening by a score of 7 to 6.

The Vesper club was represented at a meeting of bowling clubs at the B. A. A., last evening to organize the League of Social clubs.

GEN. AMES' REPLY

To the Scurrilous Reference to Him

BY GENERAL CURTIS—HE GIVES FACTS

Which May Not be Agreeable to Curtis.

General Ames when interviewed by a reporter yesterday was unwilling to say much of the episode, but had nothing to retract from the statements made in his paper. He gave only the facts and dealt with official reports.

General Ames says: "Curtis knew of the paper and what it contained, if not by his knowledge, he was told by his friends. He came to the dinner prepared for trouble. I am well aware that the public cares nothing for any controversy so far as Curtis and I are concerned. His attitude amuses me.

"Curtis, who would suggest cowardice, only retorted to abuse when he had nothing to say to my recital of the official reports."

Continuing General Ames said: "My paper deals wholly with official reports. I criticise no one, dead or alive. But I do traverse Badeau's so-called history in his life of Grant. It touches Curtis and him only. Curtis did not deny my paper in any particular touching the real point in the controversy. I quoted official reports to show two things, first, that Fort Fisher could not have been taken on the first expedition, and that, consequently, General Butler was unjustly blamed and ridiculed for not taking it; and, second, I make clear who did and who did not do the fighting when it was taken. I rejoice that the interest in Fort Fisher is awakened and my one wish is that the official report be studied in such a way as to make known the true history of that event."

Bowling Challenge Accepted.

The challenge which the Centralville boys have sent to the Flats was cordially received, leaving them at their own convenience to select time and place. Signed James John Rourk, Hugh Barney Conway Michael McCue and Cassidy's Mick.

That Flour Contract.

Purchasing agent Barnard awarded the contract for 150 barrels of flour to F. M. Barney & Co yesterday afternoon. They were the lowest of seven bidders at $4.34.

Belmont Associates.

The annual dinner of the Belmont associates was held in the St. Charles hotel last evening. After dinner the following officers were elected: President, Horace S. Bacon; vice president, Wm. Livingston, secretary, Fred W. Chase.

Any one who suffers from that terrible plague, itching Piles, will appreciate the immediate relief and permanent cure that come through the use of Doan's Ointment. It never fails.

A. G. POLLARD & CO. MERRIMACK, PALMER AND MIDDLE STREETS.

MID-WINTER SALE OF REMNANTS

SEAMLESS SHEETINGS

BLEACHED AND UNBLEACHED

We have opened for this sale 15 cases of the bleached and 18 bales of the unbleached of these good double width Sheetings and displayed them in our largest window on Palmer street and will offer them at following low prices giving best values ever sold for best grades of seamless sheetings.

4 Bales of Androscoggin 10-4 Brown Sheeting, 12½c. Yd.

1 Bale	9/4 "Dwight" Brown	10c. Yd.	3 Cases	9/4 Dwight Bleached	10c. Yd.
1 "	7/4 " "	12c. Yd.	1 "	7/4 " "	12½c. Yd.
2 "	8/4 " "	14c. Yd.	6 "	9/4 " "	16c. Yd.
3 "	9/4 " "	15c. Yd.	5 "	10/4 " "	17c. Yd.
5 "	10/4 " "	16c. Yd.	2 "	42x45 inch Pillow Casing	8c. Yd.
2 "	11/4 " "	16c. Yd.			

We have also opened nine cases of Remnants of O. F. O., bleached, 33 inches wide, perfectly soft finish, standard warp and filling, to sell at 4 cents a yard.

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